

# ALMA IS FOR YOU

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## CITY OF ALMA

December 2025



### CLOSINGS-2025

Dec. 24th at noon,

25th & 26th, Closed.

December 31st at noon.

### CLOSING 2026

January 1st-New Year's,

Jan. 19th for MLK Jr

Feb 16th Presidents Day

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New Council member. City of Alma welcomed Chris Mahalek to full fill the remaining term of Councilwoman Dyann Collins who resigned after moving out of the required East Ward. Congrats to Dyann and welcome aboard Chris!

City of Alma also welcomed a new Harlan County Sheriff, Jesse Langley. Congratulation to Chris Becker on his retirement.

City of Alma message board located in front of the Johnson Center keeps the public informed of the monthly local events, stay tuned!

City of Alma has completed the Ev Charging station project with NPPD. Accessible to the public, conveniently located at 609 South street. Easy pay with a credit card.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**And**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Reminders and Information...

### Parking:

With winter and snow right around the corner, now is a good time to remind everyone about some parking ordinances for Alma (Chapter 75 schedule III Residential District Regulations). Vehicles must be parked only on south and east curbs. With vehicles only parked on these sides of the streets it allows traffic to flow better and makes the clearing of snow easier. In addition, no motor vehicle shall be parked or stand on any street within the city limits for longer than 48 hours.



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 is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted each Thursday 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.

### Winter Compost Hours:

City Council voted November 5th, 2025 council meeting to leave the compost site open for the 2026 year.

### Need help with utility bills?

LIHEAP- Low income Home energy assistance program can help those eligible individuals with heating charges this winter, October 1st, 2025 thru March 31st, 2026 . One time payment per heating season to utility providers.

You must qualify and be LIHEAP eligible.

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/energy-assistance.aspx>



## 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!

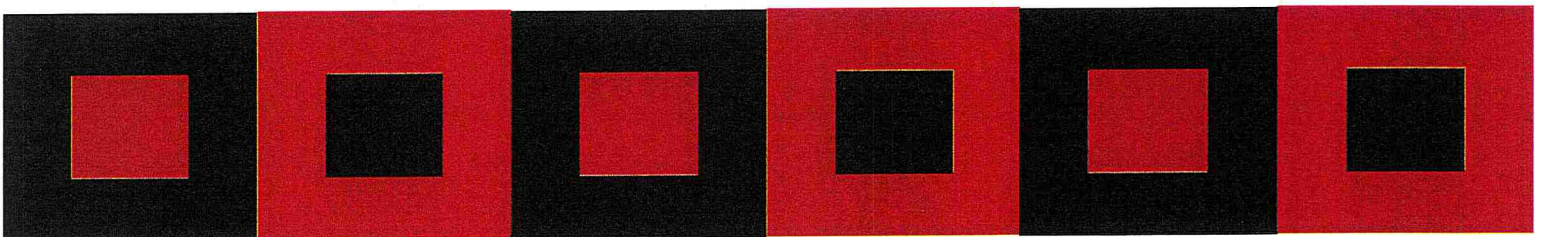
The City also offers an automatic Draft taken from your checking account. The day your account is debited is the absolute last day possible to pay before it becomes delinquent! No check needs to be written, actually all you have to do is write the amount in your check register :-). In order to activate 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!



If a water, sewer, or gas emergency occurs, Please remember to call 920-1047

## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL GAS SYSTEM RATES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. GAS RATES. The gas rates for customers of the City of Alma municipal gas system are hereby set as follows:

Residential:

For services to individually metered homes and apartments for domestic purposes.

A . MINIMUM CHARGE . \$ 2 3 . 5 0

B . PRICES FOR GAS COMMODITY. The prices for the gas commodity used by Alma municipal gas customers as of the date of this ordinance are as follows:

A Delivery Charge of \$1.040/CCF

A Purchase Gas Charge of \$0.500/CCF

C . VARIABLE PRICES. The purchase gas charge will fluctuate hereafter from month to month based on the cost of gas charged to the City of Alma by its natural gas supplier. The delivery charge will be updated hereafter based on the approved annual budget and to take effect each October. The minimum charge will be updated hereafter each time the City of Alma's natural gas supplier adjusts their fees in accordance with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

General Services:

For services to individually metered building for other than domestic purposes.

A . MINIMUM CHARGE . \$ 4 0 . 0 0

B . PRICES FOR GAS COMMODITY. The prices for the gas commodity used by Alma municipal gas customers as of the date of this ordinance are as follows:

A Delivery Charge of \$1.040/CCF

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SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed;

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. That this ordinance shall become effective and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this day of 19, 2026. November



Hal Haeker, Mayor



Janet Dietz, City Clerk





# ALMA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



## Membership Fees:

### Paid in full before April 1st:

Single: \$430.00

Family: \$505.25

Junior \$118.25

### April 1st

Single: \$451.50    Family: \$ 526.75

Single Monthly Payment : \$39.40

Family Monthly Payment: \$45.68



**Alma Municipal Golf Course has a wonderful 9-hole course that is located in southwest Alma at 102 Dick Brown Drive. The clubhouse facility has a full-service bar as well as a large social room that is used for golf events, golf functions and can be booked for many different social events as well. The course may be closed on certain occasions for tournaments, high school cross country or golf meets. There will be a sign posted at least 1 day in advance of the course closing or check [www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com) for a calendar of events. League nights are Tuesday for women, Wednesday for men, and Friday for couples. Although the course does not close for league nights, please be considerate of the leagues. Please do not bring your own alcohol onto the course. We take great pride in our beautiful golf course and facility. Come check us out and feel free to ask us any questions you might have! Hope to see you soon!!**

## Everyday of the week

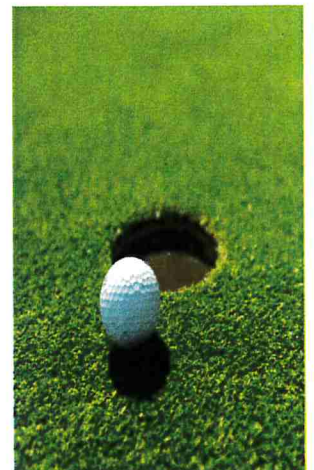
\$20 for 9 holes

\$30 for 18 holes

## Daily Cart Rentals

\$15 for 9 holes

\$25 for 18 holes



The City of Alma has a Fair Housing Ordinance that is designed to prohibit discrimination in housing. It is a declared policy of the 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.

For more information regarding the 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).

### **License your Dog!**

Please license your dog by purchasing a 2026 tag. The cost is \$7.25 for a male or spayed female and \$12.25 for a female. Pursuant to City Ordinance 90.20, any dog over the age of 6 months shall be licensed within 30 days of acquisition and annually on January 1st of each year. Said tax is considered delinquent after March 10th. To license your dog, stop by the City Office and be sure to bring your rabies vaccination record effective for the licensing year. The City shares the list of licensed dogs with the Sheriff's department. If you see a dog running loose, please contact the Sheriff's department, 928-2147



## **NEED TO HOST AN EVENT? - CONSIDER THE JOHNSON CENTER**

The facility has enough tables and chairs in each building to fill the large room. Johnson Center facility has a large room along with a kitchen and separate bathrooms. For most events, the rental fee for the Johnson Center is \$75 per day. A \$100.00 security deposit is required.

It is so convenient to host family gatherings or special events  
City Auditorium continues the renovations stay tuned we will keep  
you updated for the **grand reopening in 2026**



# GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

As one of the thousands of people who live or work near pipelines, you can help keep it safe and reliable by doing the following:

- A) notify us with your intention to dig  
B) identify our pipelines;  
C) recognize a leak;  
D) take appropriate steps if you notice a leak  
E) immediately report a leak.

The City of Alma cares about your safety. Our employees are thoroughly trained to operate and maintain the system safely. We want you to be aware of our pipelines. We ask for your help in preventing accidental damage to pipelines. The City of Alma supports the Nation's Homeland Security efforts and the City of Alma encourages you to immediately notify and report any suspicious persons and/or activities near the pipeline to your local law enforcement authorities by calling 911.

**A) NOTIFY US WITH YOUR INTENTION TO DIG – CALL 811—"diggers hotline"**

We need your help in preventing pipeline emergencies. The number one cause of pipeline leaks is damage from earth-moving and construction equipment and tools owned by parties other than the pipeline company. If you plan to dig or do any type of excavation or construction work, call **Diggers Hotline at 811**. Call at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you:

|          |                        |  |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| Excavate | Install drain tile     | Repair or rebuild roads or driveways   |
| Grade    | Blast for clearing     | Build homes or additions               |
| Auger    | Dig postholes          | Install water lines, sewer lines       |
| Bore     | Cut or deepen ditches  | septic systems, or drains              |
| Tunnel   | Install swimming pools | Install telephone, TV or power, cables |
| Dredge   | Plant trees or shrubs  |  |

## B) IDENTIFY OUR PIPELINES -HOW TO IDENTIFY WHERE THE PIPELINE IS LOCATED

Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers are used to indicate the approximate - *not exact* - location of the pipeline. Line markers can be found where the pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railroad. However, they cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact position of the pipeline. The pipeline may not follow a straight course between markers, which provide no information on the depth or number of pipelines in the vicinity. Don't try to guess the pipeline's location or route by the marker's placement. Call Diggers Hotline at **811**.

**C) RECOGNIZE A LEAK** HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK WHEN NEAR A PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY. LOOK FOR: Fire or explosion near pipeline, a white cloud or fog, dying plants amid healthy ones, unusual blowing of dirt or dust, persistent bubbles in water, or pool of liquids, possibly bubbling. LISTEN FOR: Hissing or roaring sound. SMELL FOR: A pungent odor, sometimes like rotten eggs.

## **D) TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IF YOU NOTICE A LEAK— WHAT TO DO?**

## E) IMMEDIATELY REPORT A LEAK— WHO TO CALL?

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| <p>★ Immediately leave the area - on foot - in an upwind direction.</p>  | <p>★ Avoid making contact with escaping liquids or vapors.</p> | <p>★ Warn others to stay away from the area</p>                    |
| <p>★ <b>DO NOT</b> drive into an area in which you encounter a leak or vapor cloud</p>   | <p>★ Abandon all equipment being used in the area.</p>         | <p>★ <b>DO NOT</b> try to operate any pipeline valves yourself</p> |
| <p>★ <b>DO NOT</b> light a match, start an engine or automobile, use a telephone, or switch on/off an electric light or appliance.</p> |  |  |

From a distant phone, the **On-Call emergency phone anytime (308-920-1047)**, other options are **911** or the **Harlan County Sheriffs Office at 928-2147**, City of Alma during office hours at 928-2242. **DO NOT** use a cell phone while near the suspected emergency area.

# CITY OF ALMA

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Alma, NE 68920



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E-mail: [cityclk@almacity.com](mailto:cityclk@almacity.com)

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PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

Local  
Postal Customer

## City of Alma—Contact Information



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**  
Open 7 days a week for City  
of Alma Residents  
**Library Hours**  
Tues-Wed-Fri  
10am-5pm  
Thurs. 12am- 8:00pm  
Sat- 9-12  
Sun & Mon - Closed

**Council Members**  
**East Ward**  
*Chris Mahalek*  
*Tom Moulton 920-1105*  
**West Ward**  
*Joel Wheeler 920-3447*  
*Larry Casper 512-484-4377*

**Mayor**  
*Hal Haeker 928-2900*  
**Administrator**  
*Steve Ardiana 920-0759*

**Treasurer**  
*Tashia Butterfield*

**Clerk**  
*Janet Dietz*

**Utility Superintendent**  
*Russ Pfeil*  
**Water Superintendent**  
*Scott Kuhl*  
**Waste Water &  
Street Superintendent**  
*Travis Dunse*  
**Sanitation Superintendent**  
*Bowde Johnson*  
**Utility Floater**  
*Kent Fleischmann*  
**Utility Floater**  
*Jeff Lynch*  
**Library Director**  
*Jennifer Roethke*  
**Golf Course Super.**  
*Jordy Slocum*