

City of Alma

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out the
electronic
message
board for the
latest news!

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PAYING YOUR CITY UTILITY BILL **On-Line & Other Options**

Want to pay your Utility Bill online? Please check it out at almacity.com Click on *Residents*, then *Payment Options*. 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 pays the transaction fee when paying your bill on-line!

The City 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 also on the City's website at almacity.com.

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

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 4:00pm. If the 15th lands on a Tuesday or Thursday, that time is 3:00pm. Should the 15th land on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, payment must be received by the close of business on the next regular business day.

You may pay in person with a credit card, we no longer take credit card information over the phone.

PAGES FROM HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Color Our World Summer Reading 2025

This summer kicks off with an epically messy party you won't want to miss!

We're thrilled to welcome two new story time presenters: Hallie Snyder for our youngest readers (18m–PreK), our wonderful clerk Anna Brooks for K–3rd, and the 4H Extension will be presenting “Color Camouflage” to K–3rd on June 18th.

4th–6th GRADERS: We've created something just for you! Enjoy exclusive weekly take-home kits and compete in our Dinosaur Art Competition with amazing prizes!

Registration for all summer reading activities opens May 1st!

We will also be having another great Humanities Nebraska speaker this year. Renae Hunt will be presenting an all ages program, “Footprints & Handprints: Days on the Farm in the 19th Century.” Be sure to join us June 12 at 6:30pm.



Before all the summer fun begins though, May at the library is all about butterflies. Visit and see our caterpillars transform and participate in a special release ceremony once they've sprouted their wings.

We will continue to host our regular meetings for Needles Between Novels (our new monthly crafting night) and Lego Club throughout the summer. We will, however, be pausing our Take & Makes until August.



The library is currently open:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 noon

Phone: 308-928-2600

Email: almaalibry@gmail.com

Webpage: <https://libraries.ne.gov/alma>



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 (under Government/Human Resources/Application Process/Relevant Documents)

Pool passes-2025

\$75 individual pass

\$125 family pass

\$4.00 daily



Swimming Pool Hours

12-1 Monday—Friday

Adult Swim

1-8 Monday –Friday

1-6 Saturday & Sunday

ALMA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



Everyday of the week

\$20 for 9 holes

\$30 for 18 holes

Daily Cart Rentals

\$15 for 9 holes

\$25 for 18 holes

Summer Bar Hours:

Monday thru Thursday (4:30 pm)

Fri., Sat, Sun. (8:00 am till close)



City Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays May thru September at 5:30 pm at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public is 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.**

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.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Alma has established a fund to be used by property owners for sidewalk replacement. Funds have been set aside to cost-share at 50% of actual costs for approved projects. (non-cumulative) In addition to the 50% Cost-Share, the City is offering a zero percent interest loan option up to a maximum of \$1,500 to be paid in monthly payments for up to five years.

Both options are on a first-come, first-served basis. For fiscal year 2024-2025 \$10,000 has been budgeted for the program. Once all funds are allocated for the budget year, all other applications will be put on a "wait list" for a maximum of 6 months; if not approved within this time, the application becomes void and you can re-apply the next fiscal year.

Residential sidewalks are required to be 4 foot-wide and 4 inches thick. Commercial sidewalks are to be replaced with existing width and a minimum 4 inches thick.

The City also provides removal and disposal of the old concrete at no cost to the property owner. Once removed, the sidewalk must be replaced within 90 days. (§96.23 (G))

There is also a possibility that a sidewalk could be ground to remove trip hazards or by hydraulically raising sidewalks. (if

OPTION 1: COST-SHARE PROGRAM: The City will cost share up to 50% of actual costs on replacement expenses (Maximum amount up to \$1,500.00). The property owner selects the contractor or may opt to do the project themselves. Sales tax will be paid by property owner. (Do-it-yourself (DIY) projects are on materials only.)

Step 1: Obtain cost estimate from a contractor or provide a cost estimate if DIY

Step 2: Submit Sidewalk Replacement Application and Zoning Permit Application

Step 3: Applications are reviewed by City Zoning Administrator.

Step 4: If applications are approved, replacement can begin. Applicant has 90 days to complete the project

Step 5: Contact the City to schedule removal of sidewalk (if applicable) Sidewalk must be replaced within 90 days of removal of old concrete (§96.23 (G))

Step 6: Upon completion of project, submit copy of final contractor invoice or paid receipts of materials if DIY to City Clerk

Step 7: Claim will be reviewed and submitted for payment at the next City Council meeting

AND/OR APPLY FOR OPTION 2

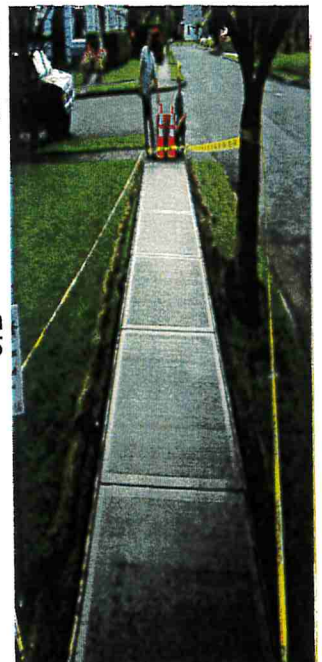
OPTION 2: LOAN PROGRAM: In addition to Option 1 above, the City of Alma may loan a property owner up to \$1,500.00 for a sidewalk replacement project at 0% interest for up to 5 years.

Step 8: In addition to Steps 1- 7 above - property owner submits:

Sidewalk Payment Estimator" (with help of City staff)

No Interest Loan Document

Sign Deed of Trust (lien on property for amount of loan)



Compost Hours

The City Council decided at the January 01, 2025 council meeting to leave the compost site open to residents of Alma for the current 2025 year. If you were issued a key and would like your deposit back, stop in the City Office.

Mosquito spraying during the months of
June thru September



FIRST, KNOW WHAT'S BELOW , ALWAYS
DIAL 811, BEFORE YOU DIG!

PLEASE NO GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE STREET.
PLEASE MULCH OR BAG AND DISPOSE OF PROPERLY.

Thank You!

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.

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

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

E) IMMEDIATELY REPORT A LEAK— WHO TO CALL?

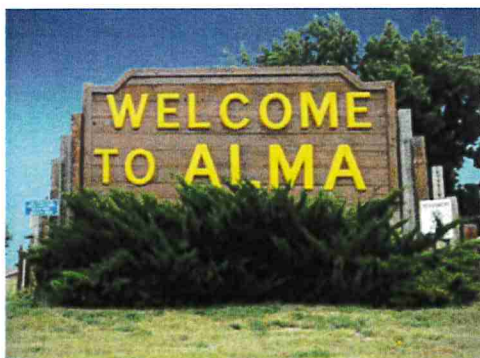
From a distant phone, call the City of Alma (308-928-2242) or the On-Call phone if after hours (308-920-1047) OR call 911 or your local fire, police or sheriff's office. DO NOT use a cell phone while near the suspected emergency area.

CITY OF ALMA

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Utility Emergency
(after hours)
308.920.1047

City Hall
308.928.2242

City Hall Office Hours
Mon-Wed-Fri
9 am-4 pm
Tues & Thurs
9 am-3 pm

Golf Course
928.2341
Library
928.2600
Sheriff
928.2147
School
928.2131
Hospital
928.2151

Compost Site Hours
7 DAYS A WEEK UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Library Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10 am — 5 pm
Thursday 12 pm — 8 pm
Sat- 9 am—12 pm

Sun & Mon - Closed
East Ward
Dyann Collins 999-0070
Tom Moulton 920-1105

West Ward
Joel Wheeler 920-3447
Larry Casper 512-484-4377

Mayor
Hal Haeker 928-2900

CITY STAFF

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Steve Ardiana

Treasurer
Tashia Butterfield

City Clerk
Janet Dietz

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Superintendent
Russ Pfeil

Water Superintendent
Scott Kuhl

Waste Water and Street
Superintendent
Travis Dunse

Sanitation
Superintendent
Bowde Johnson

Utility Maintenance
Kent Fleischmann

Utility Maintenance
Jeff Lynch

Library Director
Jennifer Roethke

Golf Superintendent
Jordy Slocum

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