

# City of Alma

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City Office  
Closings

September 2nd

Labor Day

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## Building Permits

Summer is in full swing and those home improvement projects are adding up. If you are putting in a new fence, building on a new deck, or adding an accessory building this summer, please stop by the city office and pick up a building permit. You can also download them online from the City of Alma website. <https://www.almacity.com/city-related-forms-applications>.



Building permits are required for any new construction projects outside of your home. A building permit ensures that you are meeting all the required zoning codes and that you are in compliance. Remember to get your building permit turned in before you start your project as it can take up to **30 days** for a permit to be approved.

Depending on the project, you may also need to call **811** before you dig to have the phone, water, sewer, and gas lines located.

**KNOW WHAT'S BELOW. CALL  
BEFORE  
YOU DIG!  
DIAL 811**



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Office @ **308.928.2242**. We will be glad to assist you!

# SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION

Sponsored by: Harlan County Supervisors, Lower Republican NRD, the City of Alma, and Trailblazer Resources Conservation & Development.

Funded from a Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy Grant.



**July 30th, 2024 | 8am - 12pm**  
**Corner of John and South St., Alma, NE**  
**(1 Block S of Hogeland's)**

**No Rims, No Tubes, No Commercial Businesses, No  
Early or Late Drop offs, Harlan County Residents Only.**  
**MUST UNLOAD YOUR OWN TIRES.**

\* We will need the Tire Type and Count for anything not weighed.\*

\* Scale Tickets for Big Loads are Appreciated & Required for Semi Loads\*  
Questions Please Call Todd: 308-928-2182.

## **DISC GOLF COMES TO ALMA**



A twelve-basket disc golf course has been created and installed for our community and visitors alike to enjoy. It is located along the paved walking trail on the south side of Alma. Signage for the course will be added soon. In the meantime, you can find the course information and layout on [UDisc.com](https://UDisc.com).

The course was made possible by the generous supporters of Ryan's Run Free. This nonprofit organization seeks to provide opportunities for our youth and positively contribute to our communities in the loving celebration of Ryan Molzahn.





# HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

*The Library is currently open:*

*Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 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 pm*

*Phone: 308-928-2600*

*Email: [almalibry@gmail.com](mailto:almalibry@gmail.com)*

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

**Booked Up: Finishing Summer Reading  
Watch for more on the  
programs,  
completion party  
and prizes in the next newsletter**



**There is a \$30.00 charge to have each of your utilities connected or disconnected per City Resolution 04-2024.**

# ALMA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



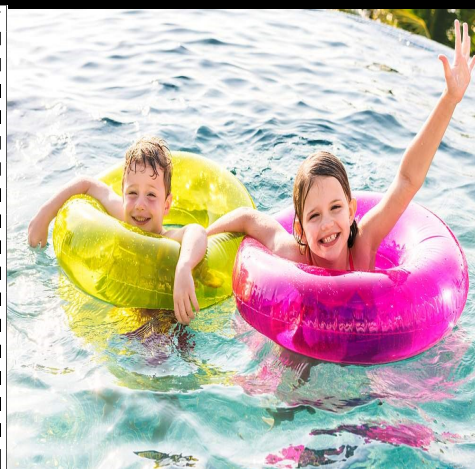
<p><b><u>Everyday of the week</u></b></p> <p>\$20 for 9 holes \$30 for 18 holes</p>	<p><b><u>Daily Cart Rentals</u></b></p> <p>\$15 for 9 holes \$25 for 18 holes</p>	<p><b>Summer Bar Hours:</b></p> <p>Monday thru Thursday (4:30 pm) Fri., Sat, Sun. (8:00 am till close)</p>
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City Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month 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. Council Meetings will change to Wednesday evenings in September.

**Pool passes-2024**

\$50 individual pass  
\$80 family pass  
\$3.00 daily



**Swimming Pool Hours**

12-1 Monday—Friday  
Adult Swim  
1-8 Monday –Friday  
1-6 Saturday & Sunday



**Summer Compost Hours**

**Monday & Wednesday 9 AM-Dark**

**Saturday 9 AM- 3:30**

**Starting April 1st**

If these hours do not work for your schedule, you have another couple options. You may rent a key for the year (Jan 1 thru Dec 31) for \$100 or you can check out a key for 24 hours for \$5. Both require a \$20 security deposit

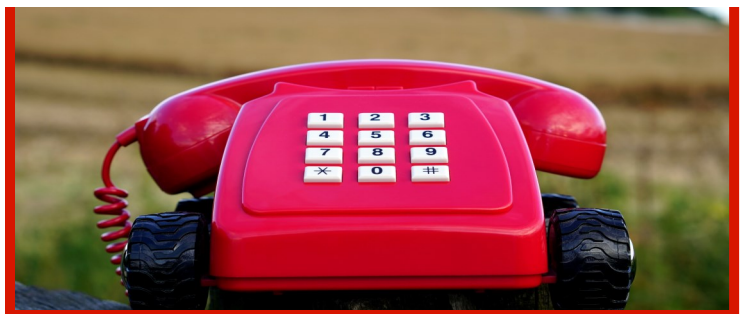
**DOES ALMA HAVE AN ALERT SYSTEM?**

“Red Alert” is an alert system that is used by Harlan County for weather alerts. The City’s alert system is called “CodeRED” and is very similar. It is used for alerting city customers for reasons such as:

- Holiday falls on your trash pick up day
- City needs to turn off your water
- Gas survey by phone
- Snow Emergency Route is open
- Mosquito Spraying will be done every Thursday evening through September

The City can contact customers either by phone, text or email or all 3 ways. The choice is up to the customer. You select the options when you sign up online at the City of Alma webpage.

All you need to do in order to receive these notifications is go to the City’s website: [www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com) and on the Home page click on the Residents Section and go to Alma Alert Info and Sign Up Page. Fill in the blanks and follow the instructions. You can also come back to this if you need to change your contact information or want to OPT Out of receiving the messages. Please contact the City Office if you need assistance with setting up your Code Red alert.



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).





The old Gazebo that was destroyed in the June 2023 storms was recently replaced. The Rotary Club spent a weekend putting up the new round Golden Grain gazebo building.





## **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
<b>DO NOT</b> drive into an area in which you encounter a leak or vapor cloud	Abandon all equipment being used in the area.	<b>DO NOT</b> try to operate any pipeline valves yourself
<b>DO NOT</b> 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?**

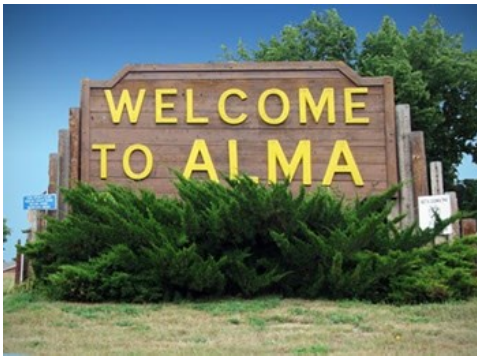
From a distant phone, call the City of Alma (308-928-2242) or the On-Call phone if after hours (308-920-1047) OR call 911 or your local fire, police or sheriff's office. **DO NOT** use a cell phone while near the suspected emergency area.

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[www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com)



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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

Mon & Sat

9 am to 3:30 pm

Wed

9 am to Dark

## 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

*Chris Tripe 920-1417*

*Larry Casper 512-484-4377*

## Mayor

*Hal Haeker 928-2900*

## Utility and Gas Superintendent

*Russ Pfeil*

## Water Superintendent

*Scott Kuhl*

## Waste Water and Street Superintendent

*Travis Dunse*

## Sanitation Superintendent

*Bowde Johnson*

## Utility Maintenance

*Kent Fleischmann*

*Jeff Lynch*

## Library Director

*Keri Anderson*

## Golf Superintendent

*Jordy Slocum*

## CITY STAFF

### Administrator

**Treasurer**  
*Tashia Butterfield*

**City Clerk**  
*Dawn McNulty*