



2016 Accomplishments

The Albert Lea City Council and staff made progress on their goals in 2016, the following are some of their accomplishments:

- **Increase Tax Base:** The City saw a 3% increase in the tax base for 2017. In downtown Public and private investment in buildings, streetscape and façade improvements increased the tax base by 25%. The City also provided Tax Increment Financing for business expansions, which led to job creation.
- **Renewal of Sales Tax for lake cleanup:** 72% of voters supported the renewal of \$15 million for lake cleanup. The next step is to get approval of the tax from the Minnesota Legislature.
- **Increase Workforce Housing:** The City, County and Schools partnered to attract the Wedgewood Townhomes development. 30 market rate units were constructed and are fully occupied. Additional units are set for construction in 2017. Another developer is converting the former Ramsey school into market rate housing.
- **Facilities Master Plan:** The council approved a new airport building and phase one of public works building. Designs are authorized and will be out for bid in 2017.
- **Continue Increased Communications:** City staff and council held budget forums, knocked on doors, held satellite city halls and Mayor Mondays, sent weekly e-newsletters and monthly printed newsletters, aired city council meetings on YouTube, and created engaging content on social media.

2017 Contractor Continuing Education Training

"2015 MSBC Minnesota State Building Code"

Tuesday, February 21 8am-4:30pm • Wedgewood Cove
\$65 includes lunch and handout materials

Please register on or before February 16th
City of Albert Lea Inspection Dept., 221 E. Clark St., Albert Lea

This seminar has been approved with the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for 7 hours continuing education credits for your residential contractors, remodeling and roofers license renewals.

Parks and Recreation



Park & Rec Fun at the Big Freeze Feb. 4th!

Come out to Edgewater Park for a fun filled afternoon of face painting, games, and crafts! For more information contact the Parks & Recreation office @ 377-4370.

FREE to participate

When: Sat. February 4th

Time: 12:00-4:00 pm

Where: Edgewater Bay Pavilion-Edgewater Park

Parents Night Out

Ages 4-12 years

Mom and Dad, treat yourself and your kids! Bring the little rascals out to Edgewater Bay Pavilion where we will entertain and feed them. Kids will enjoy games, arts and crafts, and a movie, while you enjoy the night off. Pizza and drink provided. If the weather is nice we may enjoy some time outside as well, so dress the part!

When: Fri., February 10th

Time: Drop-off anytime 5:30 p.m. on; pick-up by 10:00 p.m.

Where: Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Fee: \$8 for first child, \$4 for each additional child
Register by February 6th

Albert Lea Public Library

(507) 377-4350 * 211 E. Clark St. * www.alplonline.org

Hours: Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Thu.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,
Fri.: 1-6 p.m. Closed Sat.

CHECK OUT ALPL'S COMPUTER CLASSES!

Sign up for one or all of our winter computer classes.

Get the skills you need, so you can use our new hotspots and iPads to do the things you want!

Space is limited.

Intro to iPads

- Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Basic Email

- Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Intro to Facebook

- Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Must have an email address.

Check Out the Internet @ ALPL was made possible in part by funding from the Minnesota Department of Education through a Library Services and Technology Act [LS-00-16-0024-16] grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

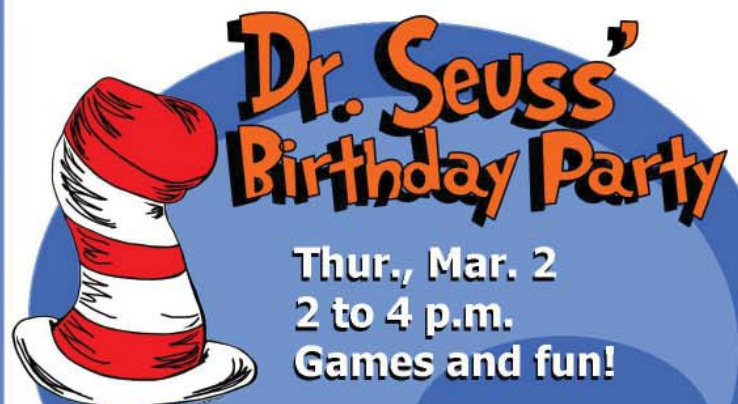
It's not too late... Sign up now!

2017 Winter Reading Programs

HOT READS **FOR** COLD NIGHTS

 FAMILY READS

End Fri., Feb. 24



Thur., Mar. 2

2 to 4 p.m.

Games and fun!