

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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## Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report from the Ogden City Community & Economic Development Department prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders.

## Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

### Arts

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants applications are currently being reviewed. The final funding meeting is set for Feb. 28.
- 180 submissions were received for the Marshall White public art project. The public art subcommittee has started the review.
- The ACE team participated in Cultural Industry Advocacy Day on Friday (Feb. 2) at the Utah State Capitol.
- The ACE team is working on the Breeze Airline inaugural flight event (Feb. 21), as well as new wall murals for the airport.
- Lorie Buckley was interviewed by members of the arts council in Stowe, Vermont about the structure of the arts scene in Ogden and what we have done to foster its growth.

### Events

- Preparing for several key upcoming events, including
  - International Fly-Fishing Film Festival at Union Station planned for March 8.
  - Cinco De Mayo event to be held at the Ogden Amphitheater on May 4.
  - This year's Ogden Twilight concert series.

### Union Station Museums & Operations

- Featured in a *Standard Examiner* article which highlighted our [Union Station Centennial](#) year.
- Met with Urban Archive digital collections app to review 2023.
  - In 2023, our museum collections on Urban Archive reached 71,887 people, and museum staff created six new walking tours of Ogden. Urban Archive is viewable online at: <https://www.urbanarchive.org/cities/ogden>.
- Began work to update the Interpretive Master Plan for the museum, to better define how we serve the public.
- Hosted Ogden School District's National History Competition with 115 children from four participating schools.
- Hosting Winter Market every Saturday in the month of February from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Sponsoring and hosting the Night to Shine event on Feb. 9. An unforgettable prom night experience for people with special needs – ages 14 and older. Every guest will enter their prom on a red carpet complete with welcoming and friendly paparazzi. Once inside guests will receive VIP treatment including corsages and boutonnieres, a karaoke room, limousine rides, a photo booth, dinner, and dancing. The highlight of the night will come when every guest is crowned as kings and queens.
- Preparing for the Merci Car's 75th anniversary celebration to be held on Feb. 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Finalized logistics for the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival coming up on March 1 – 3.
- Finalized logistics for the IF4 film festival coming up on March 8.
- Secured the annual Ogden Fire Department Award Ceremony on March 14.
- Secured for the first time at Union Station, the Operation Hero event, which will honor and remember our fallen service men and women with a boot display. Each boot on display represents a Utah Service Member who has fallen in uniform since September 11, 2001. Many of the boots have been personalized by the families of the service members they represent. The boots will be on display for the community to see May 24 – 26.
- Hosted nine private events at the Station, and working on updating/sprucing up Union Station's website.



## Building Services

- Business Licensing is wrapping up on all the annual license renewals including alcohol permits, rentals, and all city businesses.
  - Even though the majority, nearly 1,800 issued licenses have been and continue to be processed, there are still around 300 remaining. Unfortunately, those businesses do receive a late fee for not getting their renewals in on time.
  - Great efforts by our Business Licensing Coordinator, Pauline Miller, and Specialists Cathy Spencer, Ashley Weinberger, and Russell Helm. Great work team!

## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: 1127 23rd is scheduled to close this week. Renovation of the home at 833 Kershaw is complete and under contract to sell mid-February. 949 24th, 2866 Quincy and 450 30th are currently under construction. Home at 2329 Quincy bidding is complete.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Permit for new home at 2809 Jackson has been approved. Architecture for Sycamore Cove development is underway. Permit for the first group of townhomes at Towns at 24th has been issued.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance: 24 loans funded in FY24; 54 applications received; and 8 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP): 28 loans completed in FY24; 2 projects are underway; and no loans are being processed (budgeted FY24 funds allocated). Applications will be accepted again in Spring 2024.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants: 14 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects. New projects are estimated to resume in May.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program: Now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants. Thus far – 4 individuals housed, 2 approved and locating units, and 3 applications under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing: Framing underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue (photo to right).



## Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Celebrated the Ya YA Foods expansion project with a ribbon-cutting at their facility in BDO. This project will create 300 new high-paying jobs and \$90 million in capital investment. The event was attended by Mayor Nadolski; Councilmembers Choberka, Myers, and Richey; and a great representation of Ogden City staff.
- Hosted site visit with 47G, Utah's aerospace and defense association. Leadership from 47G and Ogden City met over lunch, and then toured key aerospace sites, including the Ogden Airport.
- Reviewed the draft Parking RFP with our vendor, Kimley-Horn, and met with Weber County to discuss their plans for a parking structure on the Weber Center block.
- Continued discussion with Weber State University about next steps on the preferred site for a Secure Facility.
- Met with internal City stakeholders to review options for future operations and maintenance of the Salomon Center.
- Hosted the Rosie Project graduation ceremony at Union Station, with great support from the Station team.
- Continued planning for event to celebrate the inaugural Breeze Airways flights at the Ogden Airport on February 21.
- Assisted with two site proposals for the Forest Service Helitack Base at our Airport.
- Attended the UAMMI and Catalyst Campus Women's Leadership Seminar for professionals in the aerospace/defense industry.
- Planned upcoming "You MAKE Ogden" in partnership with Union Station Neighborhood, scheduled for Feb. 28.
- Supported the graduation of The Rosie Project's second cohort, which was nearly double the size of their first graduation class.
- Participated in the weekly Utah Redevelopment Association (URA) legislative meeting tracking HB 12 – Tax Incentive Revision and HB 13 – Infrastructure Financing Districts. Additional conceptual discussion of TIF financing for affordable housing.
- Continued collecting expense documentation for three business borrowers.
- Followed up with potential borrowers regarding incomplete loan applications.
- Continued follow up with three business borrowers on loan modifications.
- Met with Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to discuss leasing space at our Business Information Center.



**GROUND BREAKING**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024**  
**2:00 PM**  
 2565 GRANT AVE  
 OGDEN, UT

**J-FISHER**

## Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Groundbreaking for WonderBlock is this Friday (Feb. 9) at 2:00 pm!
  - RSVP to [Laura@jfisherco.com](mailto:Laura@jfisherco.com)

