

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. Previous reports can be viewed at the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

ACE Operations

- Started off the event season with a very successful sold-out Twilight show on Thursday (May 16).
 - [Ogden Twilight Show Lineup News Article](#)
- After months of preparation, supported another successful Ogden Marathon with thousands downtown on Saturday.
 - [Ogden Marathon Results News Article](#)

Arts

- Leon Araujo was elected as the new vice chair for the Arts Advisory Committee.
- The Arts Grants transmittal package presentation to City Council is being rescheduled. New date to follow.
- Artist, [Megan Geckler](#), is now working in Ogden on her installation at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
 - Volunteers are invited to help with the installation process, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, May 13-23 (no art experience required).
 - The new art installation will open on either May 24 or May 31 – depending on how fast the installation process goes.
- The Orion Junior High art class will be painting a mural in the Parkway Trail tunnel today (Monday, May 20).
- The artists call for the upcoming Community Art Show at the Station is open through June 3. The show opens July 5.

Union Station Museum – Operations

- Executed a successful Union Station Living Heritage Festival event.
 - Special thank you to our Union Station team (*some pictured below*) for all their hard work!



- Working with the Union Station Foundation on \$25,000 grant from Union Pacific to support the Station's Centennial activities.
- Hosted the Ogden School District Art Festival with participation from 698 students.
- Hosted our Ogden City Business Development team's Acceler8 Wasatch Week at Union Station.
- Finalized logistics of the Operation Hero memorial boot display coming to the Union Station May 24-27 from 11:00 am-6:00 pm.
- Prepped for time capsule and cornerstone event to be held May 31 (*event flyer shown right*).
 - Completed logistical prep for artifact reveal of the Union Station Time Capsule.
 - Working with community partners on the programming for Union Station Time Capsule Ceremony.
 - Press release for time capsule released to the media.
- Welcomed two new hires to our operations maintenance team.
- Hosted five private events.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of the home at 949 24th Street is complete. The home was listed, and offers are now being reviewed.
 - 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Framing for the new home at 2809 Jackson is complete.
 - Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been submitted for review.
 - Exterior finishes underway at Towns at 24th, and phase 2 framing is underway.
 - Framing for new Low Income Tax Credit Housing (176 units) located at 25th and Quincy (Q25) is ongoing.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 42 loans have been funded in FY24; 75 applications received; 4 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 29 loans have been completed for FY24, and one project is currently underway.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 16 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects; 4 applications received and approved.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for At Risk Homeless: 11 families housed in FY24; 6 applications are under review.
- Ogden Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless: Construction ongoing at 31st and Lincoln site.

Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Ogden City Business Development coordinated and hosted the inaugural Acceler8 Wasatch Week (May 13-16).
 - The event focused on collaboration and innovation in Northern Utah's aerospace and defense industry.
 - The event was developed in partnership with Acceler8 Wasatch, 47G and the 47G UAMMI Institute, Hill AFB, APEX Accelerator, the WSU Wildcat MicroFund, and Catalyst Accelerator Ogden.
 - Daily attendance at the 3-day event ranged from 150-300, with representation from defense, industry, education, and government and nonprofit partners.
 - We are grateful for the great work of our team and partners, along with the fantastic support of the Union Station team.
 - [See our Acceler8 Wasatch Week social media review video here!](#)
- Started the funding process for two business loans.
- Emailed the loan file transfer to AmeriNat, initiating the transfer process from Guffey Home Loans to AmeriNat.
- Routed business loan modifications and new loans in Cobblestone for final signatures.
- Continued work on job creation requirements for one business loan borrower, expense documentation for two business loans, and three existing business loan modifications. Also closed one business technical assistance project.
- The Bigelow held an opening of its renovated event spaces last week. [Bigelow Upgraded Venue Space Article](#)
- Coordinated with the Breeze Airways marketing team to connect with local Visit Ogden and state tourism.
 - [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- Preparing for the paid parking system presentation at this week's "You Make Ogden" public engagement event – Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 pm at Union Station Browning Theater.



Planning

- Plan Ogden
 - We held our first community advisory committee meeting for Plan Ogden.
 - 24 community leaders of various backgrounds were introduced to the plan, and they gave feedback on the visions and goals for the plan.
 - The advisory committee will share ideas on the plan and be ambassadors to promote community input.
- Historic Preservation Week
 - We held our annual historic preservation week event.
 - This year's event and scavenger hunt focused on the World War II history of Ogden.
 - Lori Rands gave a presentation on the many contributions Ogden made to the effort.
 - We will be applying to make Ogden a World War II Heritage city.