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Sustainability Corner

Help Ogden reach its energy efficiency goals. Participate in the Wattsmart and Thermwise programs at the links found at www.ogdencity.com/1606/Energy-Wise-Ogden

Take The Fair Housing Survey

Help Ogden City identify Fair Housing issues. Everyone has a right to Fair Housing! Take the survey online:

<https://forms.office.com/g/fhUueJUikq>

Emergency Home Repairs

Learn how you can apply for a loan for low income, owner-occupied households to correct unexpected emergency housing conditions.

801-629-8903

Fair Housing

Everyone is protected under the fair housing Act of 1968!

www.hud.gov/fairhousing

HELP (Home Exterior Loan Program)

HELP provides low-interest home improvement loans (3 or 4% depending on term) for eligible projects to all qualifying citizens city-wide.

801-629-8940 -- ogdencity.com/HELP

Own in Ogden

Own in Ogden down-payment assistance loans are available for qualifying individuals and properties.

801-629-8940

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Ogden City 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget Hearing

At 6 pm on August 6, 2024, the Ogden City Council will consider adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

The public hearing will be held at the Ogden City Municipal Building at 2549 Washington Boulevard on the third floor. The hearing will also be available by Zoom. The Zoom ID to join is 885 1140 9420.

Due to a proposed tax increase, a Truth in Taxation hearing is required by state law. This component of the budget process ensures that residents are fully informed and provides the opportunity for opinions on the proposed changes to be heard.

A key highlight of the proposed budget is enhancing public safety. To recognize the vital role of public safety employees, the budget includes provisions for mental health resources. These measures aim to ensure that the city's public safety personnel are adequately supported psychologically.

The proposed tax increase to fund this benefit will depend on the certified tax rate, determined by Weber County. The certified tax rate ensures that Ogden City's property tax revenues and any new growth are the same as the previous year. At the time of this writing, the 2024 certified tax rate was unavailable. The mayor has proposed a tax increase of 1% to pay for this service, which would provide the city with an additional \$183,000 in property tax revenue for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Visit OgdenCity.com/Budgetprocess for the latest updates.

The Ogden City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 stands at a meticulously planned \$291 million. Each dollar has been accounted for with a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency. The budget reflects a careful consideration of the city's needs and strategic goals, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to provide residents with an adequate level of service.

The budget planning process is guided by the four strategic directives outlined in Ogden's five-year strategic plan. These directives—Economic Development, Recreation, City Image and Reputation, and Public Safety—serve as the cornerstone for budgetary decisions. By focusing on these areas, the budget aims to foster a thriving local economy, enhance recreational opportunities, improve the city's aesthetic appeal, and bolster public safety initiatives.

Economic development remains a top priority, with funds allocated to projects that will stimulate local business growth and attract new investments. The recreation directive ensures that residents have access to quality recreational facilities and programs, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. Enhancing the city's image and appearance is also a focal point, with planned investments in beautification projects and infrastructure improvements that will make Ogden an even more attractive place to live and visit. Public safety, as mentioned, receives significant attention, with a dual focus on supporting public safety employees and maintaining robust safety measures throughout the city. Community feedback is an integral part of the budget process. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts and concerns about the budget or any other Council issues. Feedback can be submitted at any time via email at citycouncil@ogdencity.com or by calling the Council office at 801-629-8153. This open channel of communication ensures that the Council remains attuned to the needs and preferences of the community it serves.

801-629-8153

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OgdenCity.com/Budgetprocess



Recreation Reminders:

Lorin Farr Swimming Pool is open!
Now – Labor Day, September 2, 2024
Monday – Saturday 12:00pm-6:00pm
Sunday – 1:00pm-6:00pm
Admissions:
\$3.00 ages 4 and up FREE ages 3 and under
ogdencity.com/Recreation

Multiple Sports Programs Open For Registration

There are several youth and adult sports open for registration for 2024. (Ages for each program vary) Visit the Recreation website to view all currently open programs!

Ogdencity.com/recreation

July

- 4 Independence Day - One day trash delay
- 5 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 14 Lindquist Pops Concert Fireworks | WSU Pond-Dusk
- 19-24 Pioneer Days Rodeo
- 24 Pioneer Day Grande Parade beginning with Horse and Hitch Parade | Washington Blvd - 9 a.m.
- 24 Pioneer Day - No Trash Delay

August

- 2 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 6 Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget | Ogden City Council 6 p.m.
- 8 Ogden Twilight (Feat. Killer Mike) | Amphitheater
- 14 Ogden Twilight (Feat. St. Vincent) | Amphitheater
- 23 Ogden Twilight (Feat. Alwayys) | Amphitheater
- 29 Ogden Twilight (Feat. Thievery Corporation) | Amp.

Farmers Market Ogden Every Saturday! 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

See more at ogdencity.com/events

Public Meetings – Details Available Online

City Council Meetings

Council Chambers | Tuesdays 6 p.m.

Ogden Trails Network

Public Works Building | Third Thursdays 4:30 p.m.

City Planning Commission

Municipal Building | First Wednesdays 5 p.m.

Ogden City Arts Advisory Committee Meetings

Virtual | Second Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Marshall White Advisory Committee Meetings

Virtual | Second Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.

Diversity Commission Meetings

Second Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.

Sustainability Stewardship Committee Meetings

Fourth Thursdays 4:00 p.m.

WSU's Symphony Pops Concert And Fireworks

The annual Lindquist Family Symphony Pops Concert and Fireworks will light up the skies above Weber State University on July 14 from 9 – 11 p.m.

Now in its 45th year, this free community celebration was initiated by John A. and Telitha E. Lindquist in 1978. Today, John E. Lindquist, president of Lindquist Mortuaries and Cemeteries in Ogden, proudly continues the tradition.

The New American Philharmonic will provide a 60-minute concert beginning at 9 p.m. at the Ada Lindquist Plaza at the heart of campus. The performance will include Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with a battery of 16 cannons provided by the Cannoneers of the Wasatch.

Around 10 p.m., thousands of attendees will enjoy one of the largest fireworks displays in Utah, set to the music of the live symphony.

www.weber.edu/fireworks/default.html

Mayor's Awards Nominations

Ogden City is accepting nominations for the annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts until August 9. The number of awards given is dependent on nominations received. Nominees will be evaluated on significant contributions made for art-related achievements in Ogden City. Nomination forms, submission requirements, and categories can be found online.

ogdencity.com/MayorsAwards

Emergency Preparedness: Fire Safety

This is an excellent time to discuss basic fire safety with the upcoming holidays, hot summer days, and dry weather conditions.

We have a good portion of our community that abuts open space prone to wildfires. Homeowners are responsible for preparing for a wildfire before it occurs to minimize and prevent losses when a fire happens.

Homeowners should create a defensible space with at least 30 feet surrounding the home and buildings and serving as a safety zone around the structures. Within this area, vegetation should be controlled, and the area should be free of dead growth, debris, leaves, and flammable vegetation to prevent a wildfire from traveling from the open space to the structure. Maintaining a green space landscaped with fire-resistant vegetation improves the safety zone. The roof, exterior, and attachments to the structures (decks, porches, or fences) should all be constructed with fire-resistant materials. Homeowners should also plan for and maintain the access routes to the home for emergency vehicles.

Here are a few safety tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them!
- Always have water handy (a hose or buckets of water).
- Only use fireworks as intended. Do not try to alter them or combine them.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Use common sense when using fireworks. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the fireworks.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix! Have a "designated" person light fireworks.
- Only persons over age 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives; they can kill you!
- Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community.

