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A bulletin of community news



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Join Our Team! Now Hiring

Want to be part of a team doing meaningful and rewarding work in your community? Apply today!

ogdencity.com/jobs

Take The Priority Needs Survey

This survey is to guide our expenditure of HUD Funds and will be reported in our 5-year Consolidated Plan.

Ogdencity.com/PriorityNeedsSurvey

Community Health Fair

Join us on October 2, from 10 - 12:30, at the Golden Hours Senior Center for a Health Fair! Get free information on insurance, senior living, senior planning, and AARP. Explore Golden Hours Programs and more! The event is free for adults 50 and up. Flu shots will also be available.

Ogdencity.com/goldenhours

Fair Housing

Everyone is protected under the fair housing Act of 1968!

www.hud.gov/fairhousing

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

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

ogdencity.com/OwninOgden

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Ogden City Adopted Budget For Fiscal Year 2025

On August 6, the Ogden City Council adopted the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025. This year's budget process included public input and collaboration among Council members, administration, department directors, and city staff.

A key focus of this budget is providing city employees with competitive wages. It incorporates a compensation study by an outside consultant, introducing new salary ranges and titles to attract and retain quality employees.

"One of the underlying themes that we heard from department directors was that we have a heavy workload and face the challenge of burnout," Council Chair Ken Richey said. "We expect the changes made to salaries and title changes along with the additional 16 positions will alleviate that."

Employees below the market range will be brought to the minimum of their new salary range and may receive a merit increase of up to 4%. Those within the new range are eligible for a 4% increase. The study's recommendations were partially funded by a \$900,000 salary carryforward from the previous fiscal year.

The proposed budget included a 1% tax increase for mental health resources for public safety employees and a transfer of \$1.8 million from BDO Lease Revenue to the General Fund to offset operational costs due to inflation.

Council members expressed concerns about using BDO funds for ongoing expenses rather than one-time expenses. The Council and administration collaborated to address these concerns, resulting in a decision to maintain last year's Certified Property Tax Rate. This will generate about \$1 million in additional property tax revenue, resulting in a 5.36% property tax increase, or approximately \$26 on the average residential property tax bill.

The fee structure for utilities was also updated to adjust for inflation and help fund the \$100 million Canyon Waterline Project.

More information about the budget can be found at:

OgdenCity.com/BudgetProcess.

Be Part Of A National Geographic Podcast

Ages 16-20 are invited to participate: Ogden City is partnering with the National Geographic Society to produce a youth-led community podcast that tells the untold stories of Ogden City!

Telling these stories will create a more informed, empathetic, and united community in Ogden City; the city's youth will be at the heart of it all. This podcast will be run by individuals 16-20 years old in Ogden City who will be mentored by experienced professionals who will teach them skills that can be utilized in academic and career pursuits. Alongside the practical skills that youth participants will gain is the intrinsic benefit they will experience from an increased sense of belonging in Ogden City by learning about the untold stories from the communities and residents that came before them that make Ogden unique. The podcast consists of 4 mini-series, each highlighting a different community that contributes to what makes Ogden unique. To apply, please scan this QR code.



WSU's NUHOPE Suicide Awareness Walk

September is known as Suicide Awareness month. Join the community in Weber, Davis, and Morgan Counties September 21, at 10 a.m. at the Ogden Amphitheater for the NUHOPE Suicide Awareness Walk, a free event dedicated to raising awareness about suicide prevention and providing support for those affected by suicide. Register early to secure a t-shirt, as quantities are limited.

Ogdencity.com/NUHOPEwalk2024

Recreation Reminders:

Jr. Jazz is open for registration now until November 24.
1st-4th Grade: \$30.00
5th-9th Grade: \$35.00
Register today!

ogdencity.com/Recreation

September

- 2 Labor Day - No trash delay
- 6 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
Ogden Twilight (Feat. Broken Social Scene) | Amp.
- 7 Farmer's Market Ogden | 25th Street 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 13 Ogden Twilight (Feat. Tycho) | Amphitheater
- 14 Farmer's Market Ogden | 25th Street 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 21 Harvest Moon Celebration | Downtown 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
NUHOPE Suicide Awareness Walk | Amphitheater 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 28 Fall Market | Downtown 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October

- 2 Community Health Fair | Golden Hours 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 23 Plan Ogden Growth Scenarios Workshop | Union Station 5:30 p.m.

Free Community Yoga This Fall

GOAL's Free Community Yoga series is back this fall! Join us on Wednesdays from August 21st through October 30th from 6 pm - 7 pm for a free yoga class downtown! Each week, we will have an instructor from a different local yoga studio lead the session. August and October classes will be held at The Monarch, and September classes will be held at Ogden Municipal Gardens. All levels are welcome! This series is open to all ages and athletic abilities. www.getoutandlive.org

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.

Free Class: Remodel Your Historic Home

If you've ever thought of improving your home, you'll want to attend this free class offered in October by MyHometown Ogden. The area in Ogden from 17th Street to 30th, and from Washington to Harrison, is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the west where many homes are listed as historic. In this class you will learn how to avoid costly mistakes and will meet key people with the City's Landmark Division. The Utah State Historic Preservation Office will also review best practices. If you think you might update or remodel your home or want to know more about this historic neighborhood, you won't want to miss this class. Space is limited.

Thursday, October 3, 17 (two nights), 6:30 p.m.

MyHometown Ogden Community Resource Center 555 24th St.

To enroll, scan the qr code.



Upcoming Fall Events

Harvest Moon Celebration

Celebrate the end of summer at the 22nd Annual Harvest Moon Celebration on Saturday, September 21st, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This event invites people of all ages and offers a variety of activities that everyone can enjoy! Enjoy live music from local bands and relax in the beer garden with several local beers. There will be fun games and activities for kids and families, fresh seasonal produce, unique handmade goods from local artisans, various food trucks, and opportunities to engage with local organizations making a difference in our community.

Fall Market by Farmers Market Ogden:

A slimmed-down version of Farmers Market Ogden's summer market, Fall Market, is held on Saturdays from September 28th through October 19th. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 300 block of Historic 25th Street between Grant Ave. and Washington Blvd., shop a variety of fresh fall produce, handmade artisan goods, warm seasonal beverages and treats, community yoga, live main stage music, street buskers, and so much more!

Northern Utah Trailfest

Presented by the GOAL Foundation, The Northern Utah Trailfest (NUT) is a fall celebration for all trail users! Camp for the weekend or spend the day at North Fork Park at Cutler Flats Base Camp as trail users of all ages and abilities come together to enjoy tasty food, live music, Free Community Trailfest, and the challenge of the NUT Trail Run and Mountain Bike Race as they compete to complete the most course laps in 3, 6 or 9 hours. New Duo options are available this year!

ogdendowntown.com | northernutahtrailfest.com

Emergency Preparedness: National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, an initiative by FEMA aimed at preparing Americans for a range of emergencies, from natural disasters to potential terrorism threats.

The goal is to encourage individuals to be ready for both widespread and local emergencies, emphasizing that while emergency services are crucial, personal preparedness can significantly enhance survival and aid community recovery. Key steps include staying informed about local risks, utilizing apps and resources (like Code Red, FEMA, NOAA, RED Cross) for emergency preparation, assembling a three-day disaster supply kit, and creating a Family Emergency Plan. Additionally, sharing your preparedness journey on social media with #Natlprep or joining a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) can motivate others and amplify community readiness. The essence of this initiative is simple yet powerful: understand your risks, prepare actively, and lead by example to foster resilience against unforeseen disasters during National Preparedness Month and beyond. Below are helpful resources to become more prepared in your home and community.

Emergency Preparedness: ready.gov

CERT: <http://www.co.weber.ut.us/sheriff/emerman/cert.php>

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