

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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## Report Purpose

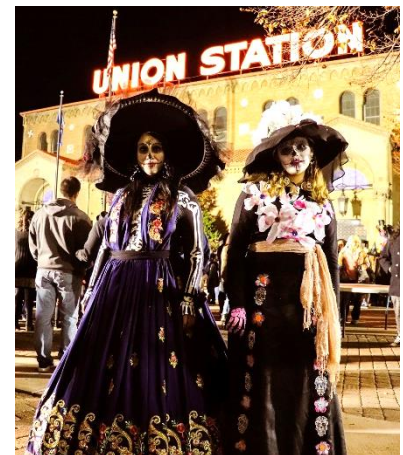
Weekly at-a-glance report from the Ogden City Community & Economic Development Department – prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders. Previous reports can be viewed at the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

### Airport

- Our commercial flight service has been trending up over the last few weeks, including multiple sold-out flights ([flybreeze.com](https://flybreeze.com)).
- We are continuing to work on the logistics related to the upcoming airport terminal improvements.
- We provided an airport site visit to support our economic development team's efforts to recruit a potential new business.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Partnered with Weber State University to host a Browning Archive Preview Event at Union Station.
  - Hosted 48 guests and provided behind-the-scenes access to a large new collection of Browning patents, letters, and business records from 1870-1960. Also provided tours of the Browning Museum.
- Staff received oral history training from Weber State University historical staff.
- Partnered with the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce to host a successful and well attended Crossroads Business Expo and Crosstalks event at Union Station.
- Hosted several events at the Station, including our CED department's annual chili cookoff, our Fire Department's annual training, and 4 additional private events. We are also preparing for our upcoming annual Union Station volunteer recognition luncheon.
- The Teacher Art Show is now on display at the Station and features works from Ogden and Weber Schools art teacher faculty.
- Finalized logistics for our annual [Dia de los Muertos event](#), coming up on Oct. 26, 1:00-7:00 pm (*photo right*). The free family community event celebrates life and death, including a community altar, family ofrendas, vendors, food, and music.
- Providing local teachers with Dia de los Muertos lesson plans to teach students about the holiday. At least four schools are participating.
- Planning a National History Day event (Oct. 29) for Ogden High School students to learn about local history topics.
- Submissions for the artist call for art wrapped utility boxes in the [Nine-Rails Creative District](#) are due Nov. 15.
- The new Arts Grant cycle will open Nov. 1 and close Dec. 13. An online prep workshop will be at 12:00 and 6:00 pm on Nov. 12.
- The [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) event is coming up on Nov. 7.
- The new "Ogden Begins Here" show will be open at the Station on Nov. 8.
- Completed marketing material for Union Station's First Ticket Sold Centennial event coming up on Nov. 15, and for our 100-year Centennial celebration on Nov. 22-23.
- This year's Holiday Electric Light Parade is on Nov. 30 and applications are at: [Parade-Entry-Application-Info](#). Please volunteer to support the parade at [Volunteer-Information](#).



Dia de los Muertos at Union Station – Oct. 26

### Building Services

- Code officers implemented multiple patrols last week looking for illegally placed signs.
- Code officers also walked 25th Street and removed outdated signs and advertisements taped to light poles.
- Code Services and Business Licensing conducted multiple cross-training activities to strengthen our customer support skills.

### Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com](https://UtahRealEstate.com) listing. Construction of 2329 Quincy and 2823 Eccles is ongoing.

- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - New home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is now listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
  - The exterior finishes of the final phase of the Towns at 24th units are underway (*photo below*). Waterwise landscaping is being completed. Sales of completed units continuing. [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
  - Two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
    - 2343 Quincy exterior is complete and interior finishes are underway.
    - 2321 Quincy roofing is complete and exterior siding is underway.
  - Exterior finishes ongoing on first section of LIHTC housing at 25<sup>th</sup> and Quincy.
  - Exterior finishes for Ogden Housing Authority permanent supportive housing for homeless is complete and interior finishes nearing completion at 31st and Lincoln.
- **“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance:** 16 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 33 applications received; 4 under review.
- **Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP):** 22 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25).
- **Volunteer Partnership Grants:** 10 grants have been received for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for At Risk Homeless (TBRA): 73 housed (34 adults, 39 children). 2 households have been reapproved for a second year. Ogden’s TBRA program has reached its annual limit and is no longer accepting applications.
- Emergency Home Repair Program: 2 applications have been received so far in FY25 and are being processed.
- Concluded a 15-day public comment period for the CAPER, the HUD annual performance report for FY24.
- ConPlan outreach included a presentation to the Plan Ogden Advisory Committee.
- Presented HUD Programs Citizen Participation Plan to City Council.
- Community Partner, OWCAP, has been awarded a \$55,000 grant from the Weber Homeless Charitable Trust that will offer emergency rental assistance to all residents of Weber County.
- Staff participated in an OgdenCAN and United Partnership General Session and Summit.



## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Supported a site visit with GOEO for an aviation maintenance and operations company considering the Ogden Airport.
- Working with an existing aerospace business to explore a potential expansion project.
- Supported/exhibited at Chamber of Commerce’s Crossroads Business Expo and Crosstalks event at Union Station (*photo below*).
- Reviewed proposals for the Forest Service Building RFP and identified next steps.
- Developed a Make Ogden/Plan Ogden article for our Ogden magazine publication to promote additional public engagement.
- Continued work on Union Station campus predevelopment items, including review of the first draft of the campus promotional document that is intended to assist with upcoming support request.
- Reviewed the Union Station Museum design firm budget and potential steps forward.
- Met with our internal parking steering committee and parking consultant firm and reviewed recent activities, public engagement best practices and next steps forward.
- Julio Otay attended the Economic Development Institute training conference.
- Drafted two business technical assistance amendments to increase amount and extend maturity date – and signed/completed.
- The ODA quarterly meeting is this Wed. (Oct. 23) at 9:30 am at the Library and will feature a presentation on Plan Ogden.



## Planning

- Utah APA conference: Our Planners attended the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association conference in Provo. Besides attending learning sessions, we also presented sessions. Senior Planner Brandon Rypien presented on Ogden’s work to simplify application processing, and our planning consultant (Logan Simpson firm) presented on measures Ogden is considering to facilitate infill residential development.
- Multi-family Ordinance: Planning presented an ordinance to limit new multi-family dwellings in the C-2/CP-2 and C-3/CP-3 zones to preserve limited prime commercial areas for future commercial development needs. The City Council adopted this ordinance.
- Historic Buildings Preservation Class: Planner Haylie Hale and SHPO staff presented a class on Historic Buildings Preservation, featuring information about permits needed for remodels and how to maintain windows and doors.
- **Plan Ogden**
  - We presented an update on Plan Ogden to the College Town Coalition meeting.
  - We presented the plan scenarios to the Planning Commission at their monthly work session.
  - The next step on our **Plan Ogden** general plan project is our [Visioning/Growth Scenarios Workshop](#) this week (**Oct. 23 at Union Station, starting at 5:30 pm**). **Everyone, including city employees, is invited to participate in the activity.**
  - We also will be presenting the workshop in Spanish on Oct. 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the library.
  - In addition, we will have a booth at the Dia de los Muertos event on Oct. 26 at Union Station.