

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

- The parts inventory for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad #223 (historic locomotive) began last week at Union Station and is expected to run through today (Nov. 4). The initial impression of the inventory thus far appears promising, with extensive expertise working on the engine parts. Precautionary work has also been completed on the engine frame to prevent damage from occurring while in a disassembled state. 8-10 volunteers have been assisting with the project each day.
- Hosted Ogden High School students at Union Station last week for Ogden's National History Day Kickoff, where students learned more about how to complete National History Day projects, local topics they could consider, and how to find resources from six local history and research organizations. Also hosted four additional private events at the Station.
- Supported the First Friday Art Stroll for October last week.
- Preparing for the [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) event later this week (Nov. 7).
- The new "Ogden Begins Here" Community Art show will open at Union Station on Nov. 8.
- Submissions for the artist call for art wrapped utility boxes in the [Nine-Rails Creative District](#) are due Nov. 15.
- Design review for the Marshall White Center public art project will occur Nov. 18.
- Union Station's First Ticket Sold Centennial event is on Nov. 15, and our big 100-year Centennial Celebration is Nov. 22-23.
 - Read about the plans here: <https://www.ogdencity.com/2772/Nov-22-23-100-Year-Celebration>
- Working with 25-plus community groups to add items to the Union Station time capsule to be placed on Nov. 22. A related article is at: ["Community invited to send a message to the future as new Union Station time capsule takes shape"](#)
 - We need to hear from you!
 - Do you have 2024 babies in your life? We want to include a list of babies born in the Ogden area in 2024 to include in the time capsule. Please share this link with anyone who may be interested: <https://forms.gle/Ncrc5TtSMCGU2C4f8>
 - Write a letter to the future! Any person in the Ogden area can submit their very own letter to the future via this link <https://forms.gle/sJ5z8iw73HeBxBTA> or email directly to museums@ogdencity.com
- Our City's annual Holiday Electric Light Parade is on Nov. 30 and entry applications are at: [Parade-Entry-Application-Info](#).
 - Please volunteer to support the parade at [Volunteer-Information](#).
- The Arts Grant Cycle is now open for applications that are due by Dec. 13. An arts grant writing workshop will be provided via Zoom on Nov. 12 at 12:00 and 6:00 pm for prospective applicants.

Building Services

- The Enduro Townhome project (160 dwelling units) at 1751 E 1480 S has been permitted and is currently underway.
- The City Flats apartments (39 dwelling units) at 3360 Washington Blvd. have been completed and are approved for occupancy.
- Our Permitting and Business Licensing groups are continuing to streamline processes to improve our customers' experience.
- Code completed multiple sweeps for illegally placed signs on 25th Street and throughout the city.
- Code is working with our homeless advocates to disburse cold weather kits, and our homeless advocates also picked up another round of donations for RadHero.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#). Construction of 2329 Quincy and 2823 Eccles is ongoing.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Our new home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)

- The final phase of the Towns at 24th units are underway. Sales of completed units is continuing. [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
- Our two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2343 Quincy exterior is nearly complete. To be listed for sale this month.
 - 2321 Quincy siding is being completed and interior work progressing.
- Exterior finishes are ongoing on the first section of LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (*photo right*).
- Exterior finishes for Ogden Housing Authority permanent supportive housing for homeless at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue are complete and interior finishes are nearing completion.

• ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 17 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 35 applications received; 3 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.

• Seager Memorial Clinic held a successful Health Clinic at O-Tech on Saturday, with 110 people receiving free health screenings.

• Co-founder of WSU's Office of Community Development, [Brenda Kowaleski was awarded the 2024 Barbara A. Holland Scholar-Administrator Award](#) by the Coalition of Urban Metropolitan Universities.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Facilitated a site visit featuring our Airport and Union Station for an advanced air mobility company, in conjunction with 47G and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (*photos right*).
- Met twice with firms that submitted restoration/redevelopment proposals for the Forest Service Building RFP.
- Completed business loan application requirements and closed a loan.
- Completed one business technical assistance agreement and the expense documentation requirements for a borrower.
- Met with a business to discuss leasing space at the Business Info. Center.
- Met with Community Engagement and Opportunity Commissioner, Lucia Madrigal, regarding economic and workforce data resources that could inform the Commission's efforts.
- Participated in the N. Utah Economic Alliance quarterly board meeting.
- Attended the Wasatch Brownfields board meeting.
- Participated in the semi-monthly Union Station development meeting.
- Met with Facilities to review division space/furniture needs.
- Met with Rocky Mountain Power and one of our large companies to address their power needs for potential upcoming expansion.
- Met with Ogden Downtown Alliance management regarding the Main Streets Program and how to enhance collaboration/communications.
- Met with legal and planning regarding the final elements of the River Parkway development project – planned for review during the November 12 RDA work session.
- Did an on-site review of the common area landscaping project at the Ogden Business Exchange development.
- Along with Planning and Building Services, toured Cache Valley Bank redevelopment with bank management/project architect.
- Participating this week in the CDBG 50-Year recognition event.
- Supporting the Parking Stakeholder internal kick-off meeting this week.
- Along with Planning and Engineering, meeting this week with Patriot Rail regarding plans for their Pennsylvania Avenue site.
- Supporting the Union Station development stakeholder meeting this week.
- Providing an RDA update to the Ogden School District Board this week.
- We are hosting a [Fall Open House for small business owners](#) at the Business Information Center on Nov. 12, from 5:00-7:00 pm.



Planning

- Planning staff attended WFRC's Wasatch Fall Choice workshop for Weber County. Several city councilors also attended. We participated in a mapping exercise to envision new neighborhood and city centers, new bike routes, and new transit routes.
- Held the Wall Avenue corridor study kick-off meeting with consultant last week.
- Zone Ogden. We received a draft of the residential chapters of the new zoning ordinance from our consultant. We will present these to the steering committee and planning commission later in November for review and input.