

# OGDEN CITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION NEWSLETTER



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"Diversity is a mix and inclusion is making the mix work."  
– Andrés Tapia

## Upcoming Events:

### Community Art Show "Where Ogden Begins"

Union Station

November 13th 11AM-4PM

### A Taste Of Ogden Tour

Downtown Ogden

November 16th 1:15-4PM

### Acorn's Antique & Vintage Show

Golden Spike Event Center

November 15th 5-9PM

16th 9AM-5PM

17th 10AM-4PM

**For a full list of events** happening across Ogden City, visit [www.ogdencity.com/2385/Full-Calendar-of-Ogden-Community-Events](http://www.ogdencity.com/2385/Full-Calendar-of-Ogden-Community-Events)

## TODAY IN 1971

Clearfield Job Corps Center had a Thanksgiving Hospitality campaign where Northern Utah residents were included to invite a job corpsman in for Thanksgiving dinner. Seen here are James Harris, president of the corpsman government, Ogden City Councilman Alex Hurtado and G.A. Wheeler, community relations director. The program started in 1966 when staff members invited corpsmen into their homes. By 1971, they were looking for people to take in 1,200.



CHECKING OVER plans for the Thanksgiving "Hospitality Campaign" at Clearfield Job Corps Center are, from left: James Harris, president of corpsmen government; Ogden City Councilman Alex Hurtado and G. A. Wheeler, a community relations director. The center is encouraging Northern Utah residents to invite job corpsmen in for Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 23.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As we bid farewell to another year, we reflect on the incredible growth and invaluable experiences we've gained. For us at the Community Engagement and Opportunity Commission, it has been a journey of growth and transformation. After a recent name change and a look into our strategic planning, we are now more committed than ever.

Despite the challenges, we have emerged stronger, reassessed our goals, and recommitted to the values that make our diverse community in Ogden truly exceptional. We look forward to engaging on issues that concern us all, from job opportunities and connection among community.

One valuable lesson we've learned is that, no matter the opposition or the challenges that seem insurmountable, we can always find positive ways to face the future. While 2025 may bring its own set of

challenges, I am confident that a small group of committed individuals can achieve great things. This spirit of determination and resilience is a hallmark of Ogden and its people, and we, as a commission, are proud to embody it.

If you wish to join us in our efforts, find out more about the Commission and our work, or set a time to learn how you can be part of it; visit our website.

Happy Holidays And Happy New Year 2025

- Fernando Morales (Commission Chair)



### Community Organization Shoutout

The Ogden Rescue Mission is a faith-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the homeless and restoring broken lives. In 1964, the Ogden Rescue Mission began serving men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in Ogden and the surrounding areas, with only 12 beds for men and three beds for women and children. Since then, the Mission has expanded to better meet community needs (providing access to food, shelter, and clothing), as well as offer comprehensive, life-changing programs to provide pathways off the streets through recovery, education, employment, housing, and more. Currently, the Mission is preparing for their Thanksgiving Banquet and the cold winter season ahead. Discover ways to give and donate to help those in need at [www.ogdenrescuemission.org](http://www.ogdenrescuemission.org).

### Meet Your Neighbor - Kye Hallows

Kye Hallows is a local from the Ogden area and is a co-owner of a record shop on Historic 25th street. They are a huge fan of all kinds of music, couldn't even pick a favorite and that's why they own a record store, to experience all music. Kye loves the community aspect of Ogden, how the city can be kind of big but small in the way that everyone feels connected and cares for their neighbors. As a small-business owner they feel such a sense of belonging and support within the community. They try to share that feeling with everyone who comes into their store to let them know they are a part of something bigger. Kye is hopeful for the future of Ogden being a more bikeable and walkable city. They love the feeling of walking around Historic Downtown and hopes that feeling can expand to other corners of Ogden in the coming years.



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