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A bulletin of community news



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Ogden City Is Hiring!

Be part of a team that can impact your own community. Multiple positions are available, Apply today!
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Marshall N White Center's Christmas Lunch

Marshall N White Center's Christmas Lunch at the Union Station: Join us for a free family event at the Union Station on December 21st. Free lunch from 11am -1pm, visits with Santa from 12:30-2pm, and vendors and entertainment throughout the whole event! Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Bring Your Tree To Green Waste

All residents with a green waste pass can bring their real Christmas trees to the green waste site after the season. All ornaments and lights must be removed.

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 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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Get To Know Your City Council Members: Favorite Holiday Traditions

We asked Council members what their favorite holiday tradition is, and this is what they said:

Chair Ken Richey: Being together with family, including Thanksgiving dinner, cutting Christmas trees in Idaho, and Christmas Eve dinners.

Vice Chair Marcia White: My favorite holiday tradition was started when I was little. My grandparents would come to our house, and we would make kolaches, which is a semisweet pastry that is of Czech descent. I have carried this tradition throughout the years and now I try and make them but now I do it watching my favorite holiday movie, Elf.

Angela Choberka: My family and I make a traditional Christmas Eve dinner based on my father-in-law's Eastern European family history. We spend the entire day making vegetarian "pirohy," which some people might know better when pronounced as pierogi. They are a vegetable-filled dumpling that his family made every Christmas Eve while he was growing up in upstate New York. In our tradition, we invite friends and family to enjoy with us in the evening.

Dave Graf: On the morning of December 24th, we gather in a home with friends and their families to share a holiday potluck of home made appetizers and desserts and coffee, tea and eggnog. It is wonderful to catch up with their young adult lives. We then walk out the door and to one of our local trailheads and enjoy the view of Ogden from the Shoreline Trail. In all of that, we agree that we're blessed to have each other and to call Ogden our home!

Shaun Myers: My favorite family tradition is the Santa Maria celebration from Sweden. Since Christina was raised in Sweden, I am very partial to the customs of her native country. I especially love that our children are celebrating this tradition with their children, our grandchildren.

Rich Hyer: We have a Christmas Eve party with great food and games and reading of Luke 2, and The Night Before Christmas, with white elephant gifts and everyone gets matching PJ's.

Bart Blair: Every year we get hot chocolate and walk through Christmas Village to see all of the amazing cottages and the beautiful lights downtown. Then we get in the car and drive around the city, looking at all of the beautifully decorated homes and yards. It's always so fun to see how many people visit Ogden's Christmas Village and how many homes throughout the city take the time every year to decorate and bring so much Christmas joy to their neighborhoods and our city.

Ogden City General Plan Update - Growth Scenarios and Vision Summit

The consultant team and city staff hosted two public workshops in October to evaluate various growth scenarios. An online survey was available after the workshops on October 23rd and 24th (Spanish Speaking). City staff sent out email notifications and distributed flyers throughout the community to gather feedback. They also hosted a booth at Dia de los Muertos on October 26th at Union Station to encourage participation from the Hispanic community in planning Ogden's future. The survey was live until the end of November.

In December, the project team will evaluate all public feedback received. This input will help them understand preferences for the scenarios and informs developing a vision. A celebration will be held on January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at Union Station to showcase the community-created vision. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the vision map, principles, and learn about the updated general plan.

Sign up for the project mailing list for upcoming events at the project website.

www.plan-ogden.com



Recreation Reminders:

There are a couple youth sports open for registration. Check below and register today!

ogdencity.com/Recreation

Ogden Recreation Registrations Open

Rookie Ball:

Price: \$40

Ages: 3 to 4 yrs old T-Ball, Pre-K T-Ball, and Kindergarten Coach Pitch

Registration Ends: March 2nd, 2025

Info: Players will receive a hat, jersey, and glove and play 10 games.

Baseball and Softball

Price: \$25-40

Grades: 1st-9th Grade

Registration Ends: February 23rd, 2025

Info: Players will receive a hat and jersey and play 10 games with practices.



Ogden City Snow Ordinance

At the beginning of this year, Ogden's Snow Removal Requirement Ordinance (10-5-21) underwent several amendments after months of discussion and community input. These changes are now in effect, aiming to enhance the efficiency of snow removal operations while keeping our community safe.



Key Changes to the Ordinance:

Street Parking Restrictions: No street parking is permitted during snowfall or when snow removal operations are apparent or imminent.

Exemptions for Certain Properties: Properties without a driveway approach are exempt. State roads are exempt from the street parking restrictions. The Mayor or designee can grant exemptions for streets with insufficient off-street parking.

Snowbound Vehicles: Abandoned vehicles on the street due to snow must be relocated within 48 hours or will be subject to impound.

Streets exempt because of limited parking and driveways:

- Childs – Between 28th and 30th
- Swaner PL – Between Lake St. and 26th St.
- Capitol St. – Between Quincy and Jackson
- Orchard Ave – Between 20th and 21st
- 24th St. – Between Adams and Quincy
- Rue Ann Ct – East of 2250 & Van Buren
- Cahoon – Between Custer and Taylor
- Orchard – Between 23rd and 24th
- 20th – Between Fillmore and Pierce
- Eccles – Between 23rd and 24th
- Ogden Ave – Between 20th and 23rd
- Oak St. – Between Ogden Ave and Adams Ave
- Doxey St. – Below Adams Ave
- 200 Block of 8th Street

801-629-8271

Emergency Preparedness: Winter Heating Safety Tips

As winter approaches, it's vital to prepare your home for the heating season to ensure safety. Remember that heating is the second leading cause of home fires, following cooking. A significant 84% of heating fires occur in chimneys, flues, or fuel burners, while 29% of non-confined heating fires happen because heat sources, like space heaters and fireplaces, are placed too close to flammable materials.

Even with the already cold temperatures, turn off your furnace and perform an inspection. Start by cleaning or replacing the furnace filters regularly. Remove any flammable or combustible materials from around the furnace, and ensure that the combustion air supply is unobstructed. It's also essential to keep return air and heat registers clear and to check the blower belt for any frays or cracks.

With winter heating, it's important to be aware of the risks of Carbon Monoxide (CO), known as the "invisible killer." This colorless, odorless gas is responsible for over 150 accidental deaths in the U.S. each year, primarily due to faulty or improperly used fuel-burning appliances, including furnaces and stoves. To protect yourself, install and maintain CO alarms in central locations outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

Always use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas, away from doors and windows. Ensure that vents for your dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and debris, and remember to move vehicles out of the garage immediately after starting them to prevent CO buildup. Stay safe and warm this winter!

www.ready.gov/winter-ready

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December

- 1-31 Christmas Village Open All Month
- 5 Plan Ogden 24th Street Interchange Meeting | Municipal Building 6 - 8 p.m. 3rd Floor
- 6 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 25 Christmas | One Day Trash Delay

January

- 1 New Years Day | One Day Trash Delay
- 3 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 30 Plan Ogden 24th Street Interchange Meeting 2 | Catholic Community Services Building 6 - 8 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

Virtual | Second Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Marshall White Advisory Committee

Virtual | Second Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.

Community Engagement and Opportunity Commission

Second Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.

Sustainability Stewardship Committee

Fourth Thursdays 4:00 p.m.