

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

- Even with ongoing expansion work on the airport terminal, our commercial flights continue and are typically full. Are you ready for a travel adventure?
 - Grab your [tickets for Breeze Flights](#) between Ogden and Orange County, California today!



Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- The week-long project to replace Union Station's main electrical transformer and switchgear was successfully completed and electrical service was restored to the entire facility on Friday.
- Preparing to kick off our new museum planning workshop this week with our consultants – [HGA + Roto](#).
- The Jones Family Exhibit, featuring Ogden's Black History, is on display in the Union Station Grand Lobby throughout this week.
- Hosting our Planning team's [Zone Ogden public engagement event](#) this Wednesday night in the Browning Theater.
- The [Hostlers Model Railroad Festival](#) will be at Union Station this coming weekend (February 28 – March 2).
- The [IF4 Fly Fishing Film Festival](#) is coming back to Union Station again this year on March 7.
 - Doors open at 6:00 pm and the film starts at 7:00 pm.
- The Kiesel Avenue public art project is currently in process with cable engineering underway.
- The Marshall White Center public art project is moving forward with the artists planning to install their projects in April.
- Arts Grants transmittal documents are in process, and artist contracts are now being completed for this year's Utility Box Art project.
- Meeting with Collection Management Software representatives to upgrade our current software that manages our museum artifact collection information.
- Submitting an application to host the Smithsonian Museum's [Museum on Main Street](#) program "Voices and Votes" in 2026.
- Working on a general operating support grant via [Utah Arts & Museums](#), as well as an EZ RAMP grant.
- A great story came out last week about Ogden's unique art scene: ["How this Utah Ski Town became an Unexpected Arts Destination"](#)

Building Services

- A building permit was issued last week for "[Burn Boot Camp](#)" at 1145 Wall Avenue, which will be a new physical fitness business.
- Our Code Officer, Bethany Mack, successfully distributed 597 parking passes for 2025 to businesses for the Electric Alley parking area.
- Business Licensing is working with IT to provide better communication with our business owners by establishing email updates that will be sent throughout the application process.

Community Development

- Staff hosted the final homeownership classes in "My Hometown Initiative Homeownership Program Series."
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is now under contract and scheduled to close in early March ([property listing](#)).
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is nearing completion, and the renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles is ongoing.
 - The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th is complete, and the construction contract will be in place shortly.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction is complete on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale units, which are now all sold or under contract.
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - Construction on the new home at 874 Cahoon Circle is currently underway, with framing and 4-way inspection now complete.
 - The bid package for the new home to be built at 866 Cahoon Circle is being finalized.

- Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 33 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 59 applications received; 5 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 25 loans approved since July 1 (FY25). Only funds for utility line repairs remain.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 10 grants have been awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for Homeless (TBRA): 75 homeless are currently housed. 6 more individuals (2 households) have been housed for one year and are approved for a second year.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Helped connect Ogden School District with aerospace industry partners for their new StarLab program, which introduces students to potential space and aerospace careers in our region.
- Worked on the planning details for the upcoming Accelerat8 Wasatch event in Ogden.
- Assisted companies looking to consolidate or move to new facilities in Ogden.
- Met with the property managers for the [Newgate Mall](#) and the Old Post Office Building to review needs/opportunities.
- Participated in HIPE planning meeting.
- Met with the [Visit Ogden](#) team to discuss future marketing plans and collaboration opportunities.
- Prepared the Notice of Interlocal Agreement between the RDA and Weber County for the purpose of providing Tax Increment Financing to the Agency for the Airport CRA.
- Continued tracking State RDA legislation updates.
- The City Council and the RDA Board adopted a resolution for a sales tax pledge agreement and setting the parameters for the issuance of bonds to support the purchase of the Forest Service Building, with a City Council public hearing set for March 18.
- Met with a developer regarding potential market rate housing project details, and another regarding several historic building projects.
- Presented at the Ogden School Board Meeting regarding our RDA's proposed budget amendment for the Adams CRA.
 - The budget amendment documentation will next be prepared for Board consideration at an upcoming meeting.
- Met with our internal team (business development and communications) and several community support partners (rapid-response team) to help develop an activity/communication plan to respond to potential Federal Employee layoffs.
 - Our city Communications team distributed a news release regarding Ogden City's support on Friday.
 - [Ogden City Statement on Federal Employee Layoffs -- Community Assistance Resources](#)
 - [Standard Examiner article: "Ogden partnering with local and state entities to help laid off federal workers"](#)
 - A follow-up meeting with community support partners will be held again today (Monday, Feb. 24).
- Participated in the internal Wasatch Brownfields EPA Revolving Loan Fund committee to evaluate a proposed environmental cleanup project, with approval consideration at the full board meeting scheduled for later this week.
- Preparing for and supporting the fourth Parking Stakeholder Committee tonight (Monday, Feb. 24).
- Our [Business Information Center's business loan program](#) application deadline is Feb. 28
- The Governor's Office of Economic Development developed and posted a great Reel about [Ogden's Historic 25th Street](#).

Planning

- City Council
 - Cathy Blaisdell was recognized by the City Council for her many years of service on the Planning Commission.
- Planning Commission
 - The Planning Commission met with our consultants in a work session to go over several drafts of the Zone Ogden project.
- Met with Avenue Consultants to discuss the 3-Gate Trail economic and maintenance study being created by WFRC and Weber County.
- Concept Review Team
 - Met with developers regarding a potential new single-family subdivision at 4600 S and Skyline Drive.
 - Met with design professionals for the demolition and rebuilding of the Weber Institute building at 1302 Edvalson Street.
 - Met with developers regarding a potential residential townhome development at 2742 Adams Avenue.
- Zone Ogden
 - The next [Zone Ogden public engagement event](#) is coming up this Wednesday (Feb. 26) at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
 - Topics will include: residential and non-residential zones, overlay zones, and processes and procedures.
 - All are welcome!

