

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](#).

Building Services *(building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services)*

- A mechanical permit has been issued for a significant HVAC upgrade at the Courtyard by Marriott (247 24th Street).
 - Work is now approved and ready to begin, supporting improved energy efficiency and guest comfort.
- Our Plan Review Team continues to support both commercial and residential development with a range of new construction reviews last week, including:
 - Focus Manufacturing, a metal fabrication company planning to remodel space at BDO Building 550.
 - A new market proposed for the existing building at 3087 Washington Boulevard.
 - A churro vendor tenant improvement at Rancho Market, 905 26th Street.
- A structural plan review was completed and permit issued for Alpha, a pet food manufacturer located at 29th Street and Wall Avenue.
 - The project includes extending/raising the facility's processing stacks to assist in odor mitigation for the surrounding neighborhood.
- Our team reviewed plans for multiple new single-family homes and a prefabricated home that will be installed on a permanent concrete foundation—further contributing to Ogden's expanding housing inventory.
- Staff participated in the review of 17 new business license applications last week, continuing to support both new and expanding businesses throughout the city.
- Code Services has been actively working through the early phases of Go-Gov, our new software platform that will allow residents to submit service requests directly to city staff. While still being fine-tuned in the production environment, this tool is poised to improve communication and response between the city and the community.

Community Development *(housing – neighborhood improvements)*

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Interior renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are nearing completion, and landscaping is now underway.
 - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th Street and 1065 21st Street.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is currently underway. Framing now being completed.
 - The 175-unit multi-family housing project at Quincy and 25th ("Q25") is complete and accepting tenant applications.
 - A ribbon-cutting event for the new complex by J. Fisher Companies is this Wednesday (September 10) at 1:00 pm.
 - The Salvation Army opened the pre-leasing waiting list for their new Silvercrest Residence at 2655 Grant, a 52-unit affordable senior apartment complex.
- Public Improvement Projects:
 - Construction is underway on CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods *(photo right)*.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): Since July 1; 12 loans funded, 23 applications received, six applications are under review.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Since July 1, three loans have been approved, two are now underway, and one is in the bidding process.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July 1, 12 loans have been funded, 17 applications received, and six applications are under review.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- Ogden City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program currently aids 85 previously homeless persons (including dependent children).
- The HUD Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for FY2025 has been drafted. A fifteen-day public comment, September 1 – 16, 2025 is now accepting comments. The CAPER FY25 is available for review online: <https://www.ogdencity.gov/489/CAPER>
- CD team member, Cathy Fuentes, received certification as a HUD HOME Grant specialist.
- Staff met with representatives from Governor's office and other UT Legacy cities to discuss strategies for utilization of UT Legacy funds.



Sidewalk improvements underway on Jackson Ave.

Cultural Services *(arts – events – museums – Union Station)*

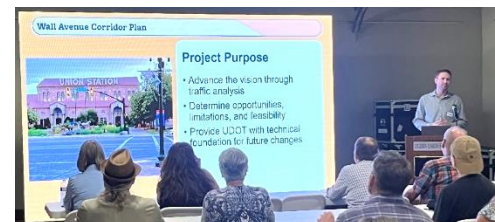
- The community art show, “Music,” opened last week, and was featured during the [First Friday Art Stroll](#) (Sept. 5).
- The Dumke Art Plaza hosted WSU’s live dance performance, “Remnants in Motion,” on Friday (Sept. 5).
- “Topaz Stories” is on display now through October 11 in the Gallery at the Station, telling the stories of Japanese Americans interned at Topaz.
 - This exhibit is a traveling show created by Utah Arts and Museums and presented by the Friends of Topaz.
- Our museum consultant (HGA) hosted their final pre-design workshop on Aug. 26. Pre-designs will be available within the next few weeks.
- Performed inventory to ensure stability/long-term storage needs of our film collection. All film reels are stable/ready for long-term storage.
- Received a donation of historic Ogden photographs courtesy of Ogden City Planning.
 - These photos provide great insight into the 1950s-1980s, a period not previously well documented in our archives.
- Hosted a teacher training and tour for National History Day (NHD), encouraging teachers to use local museums and special collections for student projects. NHD 2026 will be participating around the America250 theme in Ogden.

Economic Development *(redevelopment – business development – Business Information Center)*

- Site Selector Outreach
 - Coordinated a high impact visit with two site selectors from Atlanta to explore Ogden’s industrial and commercial potential.
- EDCUtah Annual Meeting & Upcoming Site Tour
 - Participated in the Economic Development Corporation of Utah ([EDCUtah](#)) annual event, strengthening statewide partnerships.
 - Preparations are underway to host EDCUtah’s site tour in Ogden on Sep. 26, showcasing key locations and development-ready assets.
- Workforce & Industry Development
 - Participated in Jobs EQ training to enhance data-driven workforce planning and employer engagement opportunities.
 - Engaged with a Colorado-based construction firm exploring expansion into Ogden, which represents potential new investment in local infrastructure and job creation.
- Business Recruitment – Advanced Air Mobility & Aerospace Collaboration
 - Hosted a site visit for an Advanced Air Mobility company evaluating Ogden for future aviation operations, with support from the [Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity](#) and local support partners.
 - Continued outreach to Hill AFB, Ogden Air Logistics, MITRE, Space Dynamics, and Guidehouse—building momentum in defense and aerospace innovation.
- Other Business Recruitment/Retention/Communications
 - Ongoing [marketing and tenant recruitment for WonderBlock](#), positioning it as a [vibrant mixed-use anchor in downtown Ogden](#).
 - Connected with two local retail companies looking to expand their operations.
 - Supported communications related to [Electric Alley construction updates](#).
- National Composites Week (Aug 25–29)
 - We celebrated Ogden’s leadership in composites for aerospace, defense, energy, and transportation by spotlighting local companies with manufacturing and research excellence.
- Industry Recognition & Local Wins
 - According to [Global Location Strategies latest industry report](#), **Ogden ranked #1 in Food Manufacturing** across the Southwest Region ([LinkedIn post](#)), affirming our strength in production, logistics, and workforce readiness.
 - Excited to share the great news about the [Raindance Film Festival announcement](#) to make Ogden their new U.S. home.
- Social Media Communications/Storytelling Growth
 - Our Economic Development Division’s LinkedIn account has gained 790 new followers so far this year! This represents a 48.1% increase, driven by our team’s compelling outreach and storytelling, sparked by KC Sanders and Meg Sanders. [View our page](#)
- Redevelopment
 - Met with administration for monthly RDA key projects review, including Union Station Neighborhood updates and communication plans.
 - Prepared the TIF analysis for a potential Capitol Square development – possible Housing Transportation Reinvestment Zone (HTRZ).
 - Met with a local property owner regarding plans and potential support for a new infill project.
 - Met with the Giv Group to review project alignment for the Forest Service Building.
 - Reviewed/updated our RDA Housing Policy draft, and are working on potential RFP to help access future funds allocations.
 - Presented an [RDA update](#) during the city-council/RDA board work session.

Planning

- [Wall Ave Corridor Plan](#): The latest update was presented at a well-attended “You Make Ogden” [open house event](#) on Aug. 27 (*photo below*).
- [Planning Commission Meeting](#) (Sep. 3): The Commissioners approved
 - The consent agenda, which included subdivision amendments, a General Plan consistency review, and other routine items.
 - Improvements to an [auto recycling facility at 770 W 17th Street](#).
 - The [preliminary subdivision for cottage homes at 566 24th Street](#).
 - This represents the first subdivision approved under the cottage lot ordinance adopted three years ago. The proposal includes seven small lots on a public street, each to be used for a detached single-family “cottage” home of 1,200 square feet or less.
- Mayor’s Administrative Review Meeting (Sep. 5): The mayor approved
 - an encroachment permit for a patio/retaining wall at 1436 Marilyn Drive; a subdivision amendment for the Villas at the Pointe townhomes, creating 70 lots; the Canyon Gate townhomes subdivision, adding 45 lots; and a preliminary plat for Autoliv Ogden at 1000 W 3300 S.



Wall Avenue Corridor Plan public presentation – Aug. 27