

Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



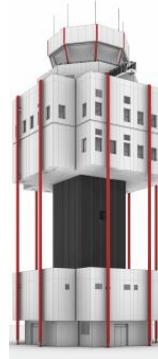
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Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department, prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders. Previous reports are available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport



Air Traffic Control Tower design concept – 120' high

- The new Air Traffic Control Tower project is now out for solicitation, inviting qualified firms to submit design-build proposals. The concept rendering shown at right illustrates the general design standards that all proposals must follow.

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

- Our Plan Review Team remained busy last week with a variety of commercial and residential construction plan reviews, reflecting continued development interest across Ogden.
 - At Business Depot Ogden, YaYa Foods completed another phase of plan review as part of their continuing expansion.
 - A new home reviewed on Quail Run Drive is expected to be featured in next spring's Parade of Homes, highlighting high-quality residential construction on Ogden's east bench.
- Our team attended a training led by Learning Edge on high-performance home insulation techniques and advanced building science principles. This training reflects our ongoing commitment to staying current with the latest building science, construction methods, and code requirements.
- Last week, 25 permits were issued supporting continued development in both new builds and improvement projects. The most common types of work included: re-roofing (8 permits), plumbing projects (6 permits), and mechanical system upgrades (4 permits).
- Last week, a total of 202 building inspections were completed across commercial and residential job sites.
- Last week, 65 new business licenses were issued, representing 62 unique businesses launching or expanding their operations in Ogden. The vast majority (89%) of licenses issued were for general commercial businesses, with a mix of specialized licenses including: 2 rental licenses, 2 special event licenses, and 2 general business licenses with alcohol.

Community Development (housing – neighborhood improvements)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th St. are complete, and the home is listed for sale. [Listing](#)
 - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th Street and 1065 21st Street.
 - A renovation contract for 2248 Van Buren Avenue is now open for bidding.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Sycamore Cove residential development is progressing. Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon continues and completion is expected by end of November.
- Public Improvement Projects:
 - Construction of the CDBG CARES Act–funded sidewalk on Jackson Ave. is complete, and sidewalk work at Lester Park is nearing completion.
 - Bid package is now available for demo. of 2325 Madison (former Aspen Center). A pre-bid meeting was held with 8 potential contractors.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: Since July 1; 21 loans funded, 30 applications received, 2 applications are under review.
 - Program is temporarily on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1 which authorizes more funding.
- Emergency Home Repair Loan Program: One emergency home repair project has been completed using a combination of CDBG funds leveraging Weber County's Healthy Homes Program funds. Another project is underway and pending final inspection.
- Home Exterior Loan Program: Since July 1, 19 loans have been funded.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants: Since July 1, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program is currently supporting 85 formerly homeless individuals, including children. Eighteen previously homeless households have been successfully housed for one year and are renewed for a second year of assistance with Supportive Services.
- HUD Plans: The City's HUD annual performance report “CAPER” for FY2025 has been submitted to HUD and transmitted to the City Council.
- Staff attended the Utah 21st Annual Homelessness Conference to participate in identifying homelessness solutions.
- Staff met to share strategies and offer guidance to a Weber State University Fellow from Cambodia, who is working with OWCAP to develop a housing resources guide and is searching for housing solutions to implement in Cambodia.



1183 18th St. – renovated and listed for sale

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

- Attended the Utah Museum Association Conference in Kanab, the state's largest gathering of museum professionals. Museum staff participated in professional development sessions focused on collections care, grant writing, and public programming.
- Participated in the Community Civics Family Festival to promote our upcoming exhibit, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, and to cultivate new community partnerships.

- Hosted WSU Art students for a field trip focused on museum exhibition practices, helping prepare them for their upcoming guest show in Dec.
- Our Museum Administrator, Hope Eggett, gave a presentation on Ogden's history to visiting students from Hof University in Germany.
- Represented the Museums at Union Station at Utah Valley University's *Roads to History* Conference, engaging college students with career and learning opportunities in the field of history.
- Participated in last week's First Friday Art Stroll with open exhibits at Union Station.
- Launched Cultural Services' inaugural *Safety First* program, fostering a stronger, safer team culture.
- Hosted two private events and conducted six venue tours at Union Station last week.
- Coordinated logistics for the annual volunteer/staff Halloween event on Oct. 31, ensuring a fun and creative celebration across the department.
- "Topaz Stories" is on display through October 11 at the Station, sharing the experiences of Japanese Americans interned during WWII.
- The Olympic Mural Public Art project is scheduled for presentation at the October 14 City Council work session.
- The "Music" Community Art Show is on display through October 17 at Union Station.
- ODA's Fall Market is running every Saturday through October 18 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, with YOGA in the Muni. Garden from 10:00-11:00 am.
- The artist call for the community art show, "Patterns," is currently open with a submission deadline of October 20.
- Finalizing preparations for the annual Día de los Muertos event at Union Station on October 25 (1:00-7:00 pm), featuring live performances, interactive activities, traditional altars, and cultural displays. The event is free and open to all.
- The annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts event is coming up on November 6 in the Browning Theater at Union Station.
- The Ogden School District Staff Art Show is now on display in the Myra Powell Gallery at the Station through November 29. The exhibition showcases the diverse talents of local educators and art teachers, featuring works ranging from photography to sculpted latex masks.

Economic Development (*business support/development – redevelopment*)

- Our [Economic Development team attended](#) the Utah Commercial Real Estate Association's annual [NAIOPOLY event](#) in Sandy, connecting with developers, brokers, and industry leaders while promoting WonderBlock and Union Station (*photo right*).
- Met with a representative from a major regional defense company to discuss opportunities for expanding operations into Ogden.
- Engaged in several discussions regarding the future of the Exchange Building, including a walk-through with a building engineer to assess the condition of the historic structure.
- Met with a Utah business start-up owner about a potential expansion in the region.
- Welcomed representatives from General Atomics' Utah office to Ogden, highlighting the city's progress and exploring opportunities for growth in the regional aerospace and defense sector.
- Participated in *The Mall Renaissance: What Is Driving the Revival and What It Means for Retail* webinar, exploring placemaking strategies and emerging trends in mall development across the U.S.
- Engaged in strategic discussions with several international site selectors to promote Ogden as a prime location for investment and growth.
- Conducted a TIF analysis for a proposed 10-unit for-sale infill townhome development in the Adams CRA.
- Working to incorporate the language required by SB250 (codified as 17C-1-202(5)(d)) into the RDA's Participation/Incentive Agreements.
- Met with two potential business owners to provide business licensing information and business start-up guidance.
- Provided additional one-on-one support to a business owner regarding the Ogden City business loan application process.
- Facilitated a business loan committee meeting to review the status of current outstanding loans and any needed follow-up activities.
- Facilitated another discussion with the Chamber Director to review existing collaboration and the potential for more partnership opportunities.
- Coordinating a mobile tour of Ogden for 20 members of the [National Association of Development Organizations](#) during their annual conference in SLC on October 15, showcasing the city's catalytic investments, including the 9-Rails District, WonderBlock, and Union Station.
- Collaborating with a Utah-based hospitality group that operates multiple restaurants to explore potential expansion into Ogden.
- Assisting Department of Natural Resources in identifying a no-cost venue in Ogden for a grant workshop to help locals access potential funding.
- Partnering with a travel agency to strengthen branding, increase consumer awareness, and boost visitor engagement at the Ogden Airport.



Ogden Economic Development Team (KC, Kelli, Julio) at NAIOPOLY event – Oct. 2

Planning

- The Planning Commission met last week and discussed three important items.
 - Beacon Hill Homes (756 30th Street): The proposal is for a small lot single-family project with nine homes. The Commission granted preliminary approval but requested revisions—including additional parking, water-wise landscaping, and clearer fencing and lighting details—prior to final approval. The associated subdivision plat was also tabled to align with the updated plan.
 - Affordable Housing on Patterson Street: The Ogden Housing Authority requested a rezone at 211 Patterson to permit construction of a 25-unit apartment building for young adults aging out of foster care. The Commission recommended approval, and the request will now move forward to the City Council.
 - Water Conservation Plan: The Commission recommended adoption of a new Water Use and Preservation Plan. This will guide how the city manages growth, updates old water lines, and encourages conservation through smart landscaping and irrigation. This is a state requirement that must be adopted by the end of year.
- Zone Ogden
 - The next Zone Ogden update will be provided at the *You Make Ogden* public engagement open house on October 22 at Union Station.

Other Department Activities

- Reported on the status of each Department Division's ongoing performance measures.
- Prepared a two-page briefing that outlines the economic, transportation, and site-readiness benefits of upcoming development at the Union Station Campus/Neighborhood to support planning discussions with state legislative leadership.