

# 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

- Xeriscaping has begun at the airport, starting with the landscaping in front of the terminal and around the monument sign.
- The contract to remodel the airport's basement bathroom has been signed, with construction scheduled to begin this week.
- Preparations are underway for the November ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the new terminal expansion.
- Annual safety meetings, including the annual snow meeting and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) training, are scheduled for this week.
- A [new sign with the updated logo](#) now greets travelers as they exit their flights and enter the terminal (photo right).



New airport welcome sign installed at terminal runway entrance – Oct. 8

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

- Our team completed a variety of commercial and residential plan reviews, highlighting Ogden's ongoing growth and the diverse projects shaping the city.
  - Commercial tenant improvements reviewed this week include:
    - A large food production facility at Business Depot Ogden (BDO)
    - A new tortilla production facility at 335 Patterson Street
    - A high-pile storage racking system at 2815 Industrial Drive
  - On the residential side, a custom backyard design was submitted featuring a swimming pool, spa, waterfall, putting green, and equipment building – bringing a splash of summer into fall.
- A large-scale fire suppression system upgrade has been permitted for Williams International facility expansion.
- 23 business licenses were processed last week. The vast majority were renewals, reflecting ongoing business continuity across the city.
  - A new special event license was issued to OFOAM – Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music for their *Día de Los Muertos en Ogden* celebration, held yesterday (Oct. 12) at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- A total of 245 building inspections were completed last week across residential and commercial job sites. The most common inspections performed included:
  - Residential power to panel/service upgrades (31); residential 4-way inspections (25); and residential rough electrical inspections (23).

### Community Development (housing – neighborhood improvements)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, and the home is now listed for sale. [Listing](#)
  - Renovation is nearing completion for the home at 470 30th Street, and renovation on the home at 1065 21st Street is underway.
  - 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.
  - 2325 Madison (former Aspen Center) asbestos abatement is complete. Demolition bid is now available. The bid period closes on Oct. 20.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: Since July 1; 21 loans funded, 30 applications received, and 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 25 households (58 individuals) with rental assistance, while an additional 18 people at Solace receive supportive services. Six participants have returned to Ogden-Weber Tech College for trade education, and three are receiving psychotherapy to promote long-term housing stability.
- HUD Plans: The City's HUD annual performance report "CAPER" for FY2025 has been submitted to HUD and transmitted to the City Council.
- The [Middle-Income Housing Program Guidelines](#) were presented by staff to the city council last week and the related resolution was approved.

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

- Poetry at the Park Fest was on Saturday (October 11) at the Main Library (instead of Lester Park due to weather).
- A Dia de los Muertos celebration was held at Ogden Amphitheater, Sunday (Oct. 12).
- The [Olympic Mural Public Art project](#) is scheduled for presentation this week (Oct. 14) at Council work session, and at public session on Oct 21.
- The quarterly Union Station Engagement Group meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday (Oct. 15) at the Station.
- The "Music" Community Art Show is on display through October 17 at Union Station.
- ODA's last Fall Market of the season is this Saturday (Oct. 18) from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- 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.
- Preparing for FY '26/'27 Arts Grants cycle to open on October 31.
- 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.

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

- Met with the Cache Valley Bank team for an update on their renovations to their historic bank building. We are coordinating with planning and permitting to help advance the project.
- Continued work with a local composite company on their large expansion project plans.
- Conducted passenger surveys at Ogden Airport to gather feedback on Breeze Airways flights and upcoming airport improvements.
- Promoted [Breeze Airways](#) discount tickets that are available every Tuesday at Ogden Airport.
- Met with [Snowbasin Resort](#) management to discuss potential collaboration partnerships with Ogden.
- Engaged with the International Ski & Snowboard Federation based in Switzerland to identify companies that could benefit from establishing a presence in Ogden ahead of the 2034 Winter Games.
- Engaged with a company focused on expanding their Latin America based business into Ogden.
- Attended the 2025 Air Force Ball at Hill Air Force Base, held at the Ogden Air Logistics Complex, to honor/support/celebrate the dedication and service of our military personnel.
- Met with [Weber State University Building Puentes](#) program leaders to coordinate future collaboration opportunities supporting local entrepreneurs and small businesses. The program is designed to graduate career-ready, English-Spanish bilingual professionals/entrepreneurs.
- Collaborating with Weber State University, [Visit Ogden](#), and other partners to boost marketing efforts for [Breeze Airways](#), while supporting charter flight logistics for WSU teams traveling through Ogden Airport.
- In talks with a firm specializing in metalworking fluids to add warehouse operations in Ogden.
- Met with two business owners to guide business expansion and financing options.
- [Promoted information about the Business Information Center](#) (BIC) to a cohort of entrepreneurs and business owners, highlighting:
  - Available resources and technical assistance, and steps to start and grow a business in Ogden.
- Met with [Chamber](#) leadership and City administration to review collaboration/partnership opportunities to enhance local business success.
- Scheduled engagements with companies at this week's upcoming [AUSA annual conference](#), which focuses on the future of military technology.
- Preparing for an RDA update at the Council work-session this Tuesday (October 14).
- Hosting an Ogden tour and presentation about our redevelopment initiatives this week (October 15) as part of the [National Association of Development Organizations'](#) annual conference in SLC.

### **Planning**

- Station Area Plans
  - Planning staff presented the [FrontRunner Station Area Plan](#) to the City Council last week.
    - State law requires cities to adopt land use plans around major transit centers that address housing, sustainability, transportation options, and access to opportunities.
    - Staff proposed that Ogden's existing downtown plans satisfy these requirements as "prior actions," and the City Council approved that approach.
    - Station area plans for the Harrison Boulevard corridor will follow soon.
- Wall Avenue Corridor Plan
  - Presented the [updated plan](#) during Council work-session last week (October 7).
- Utah APA conference
  - Several planning staff attended the fall conference for the [Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association](#) (APA-UT).
  - Our own Brandon Rypien was a panelist on infill housing options (*pictured right*).
- Zone Ogden
  - The next [Zone Ogden](#) update will be provided at the [You Make Ogden public open house](#) on Oct. 22 starting at 5:30 pm at Union Station.



American Planning Assoc. Utah Conference program snapshot – featuring Brandon Rypien