

Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief

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Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department. Previous reports available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport

- The **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting** for our new terminal expansion will take place **this Friday** (November 14) at 10:00 am – a major milestone enhancing regional air service, improving passenger amenities, and supporting continued economic growth!
 - The ribbon cutting ceremony will include remarks from Mayor Nadolski, distinguished guests, and elected officials, followed by light refreshments.
- The west apron runway project is progressing, with subgrade stabilization work now underway.
- The airport restroom remodel project is advancing, with installation of the new floor slab completed last week.



Front entrance of the new Ogden Airport terminal entrance – Nov. 5

Community Development *(housing – neighborhood improvements)*

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, and a purchase offer has been received and is being reviewed.
 - Renovations are now complete for the home at 470 30th Street, and the property will be listed for sale shortly.
 - Renovations are underway for the home at 1065 21st Street.
 - Bids have been received for the renovation contract for home at 2248 Van Buren and a bid award will be considered soon.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Sycamore Cove residential development is progressing.
 - Construction of the new home at 866 Cahoon continues, and completion is expected by the end of November.
 - The [bid package](#) for home construction at 862 Cahoon is now available, with bid submissions due by November 13.
- Public Improvement Projects:
 - Construction of CDBG CARES Act-funded sidewalk work at Lester Park and Jackson Avenue now complete.
 - The demolition contract for the facility at 2325 Madison Avenue has been awarded, and demolition is to begin next week.
- [“Own in Ogden”](#) Down-Payment Assistance: Since July; 21 loans funded, 30 applications received.
 - Program is currently on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1, which authorizes additional funding.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Five applications have been approved, with three projects now complete and two projects underway.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July, 20 loans have been funded.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program currently supports 84 formerly homeless individuals. 24 households (65 individuals) receive rental assistance, and 19 participants receive supportive services – including job training and therapy to promote long-term housing stability. 18 households (52 people) have successfully maintained housing for one year through the program.
- Annual Action Plan FY26 Amendment #1 has been transmitted to City Council with a work session discussion scheduled for November 18.

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

- Six outstanding community members were honored last Thursday during the *2025 Mayor's Awards in the Arts*, at the Browning Theater in Union Station (*photo right*).
 - [Ogden City Arts Facebook post with award recipient details](#)
- Held our National History Day Kickoff at Ogden High School, presenting research tips and participation guidance to more than 200 students.
 - Six local history organizations also hosted resource booths, helping students learn how to access archival and museum materials for their projects.
 - The Ogden School District's National History Day contest will take place at Union Station in January, followed by a public awards ceremony.
- Met with scholars from Utah's *Voices and Votes* Exhibit Committee as preparations continue for the Smithsonian's *Museums on Main Street* exhibition, which is set to open in October '26 with accompanying local programming and community stories.
- Presented museum operations/program updates to the Union Station Foundation.



Lorie Buckley, City Arts Administrator, speaking at the Mayor's Awards in the Arts – Nov. 6

- Hosted the Business Information Center's *Elevate Ogden* business support workshop, the annual *Mayor's Awards in the Arts*, and two additional private events at Union Station last week.
- The [First Friday Art Stroll](#) on November 7 featured the unveiling of a new public sculpture, *On Solid Ground*, located across 25th Street from The Monarch. *Standard-Examiner* article: ["November first Friday art stroll to highlight new sculpture honoring city's past"](#)
- Working on logistics and planning to support the new airport terminal opening this Friday (November 14).
- The *Palette Club Art Show 2025* is now on display at Union Station through November 29, showcasing works by 20 talented local artists.
- The *Patterns Community Art Show* will open November 21 at the Union Station and run through the end of December.
- Working on the logistics and planning for the annual Electric Light Parade to be held November 29.
 - Volunteers are needed! <https://ogdencity.gov/2615/Volunteer-Information>
- The FY26-27 Arts Grants cycle is open and applications are due Dec. 12, with grant workshops scheduled for Nov. 12 at 12:00 and 6:00 pm.
- An article about our utility box art project was featured in the *Standard-Examiner*: ["Utility Box Art Project complete, public celebration in spring"](#)

Economic Development (business support/development – redevelopment)

- *Ogden Eats Local* is underway through November 15, providing a great chance to explore Ogden's unique restaurants and support local businesses.
- Hosted our second *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* event for new and small businesses on November 6 – "*Financial Foundations for Your Small Business*," presented by Darcie Costello, associate professor and chair of the School of Accounting, Finance & Taxation at WSU's Goddard School of Business & Economics (photo right).
- Installed a new [Breeze Airways](#) aircraft model display at the Ogden Airport to highlight and promote our nonstop flight service to Southern California.
- Worked with our Cultural Services Arts team and Visit Ogden to curate local art pieces that showcase our community for display in the new airport terminal.
- Collaborated with airport staff to install a colorful "Get Away Today" Disneyland mural on the new terminal windows, highlighting Ogden as the gateway to Disneyland and Orange County, CA, while boosting visibility for our Breeze flight service (photo right).
- Met with Bob Barker Company, one of our newer businesses at Business Depot Ogden, to review current operations and discuss future business plans. [\[Bob Barker mtg post\]](#)
- Attended the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce Business Forum, connecting with local businesses and community partners.
- Assisting two businesses with new business loan program applications and currently progressing through the underwriting process.
- Our business loan committee will meet this week to review the status of existing loans.
- Meeting again this week with Alpha pet food company to review facility needs and improvement plans.
- Continued updating existing RDA legacy agreements to include the newly required language under State Bill 25.
- Continued the tax increment financing gap analysis of the pro forma for a proposed 10-unit for-sale townhome project in the Adams CRA.
- The *Standard-Examiner* published an article last week highlighting Mayor Nadolski's and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Taylor Nielsen's recent interview about efforts to restore rail service to Union Station – ["Ogden city officials aiming to bring passenger rail back to the Station"](#).



Assoc. Professor, Darcie Costello, presenting at "Elevate Ogden Speaker Series" business workshop – Nov. 6



One of two "Get Away Today" murals on the new airport terminal windows

Planning

- Planning Commission Meeting
 - The Commission held its regular meeting on November 5 and considered several items:
 - Approved a Conditional Use Permit for a new cell tower at 1080 9th Street.
 - Approved a Special Exception – Downtown Site Plan at 2261 Grant Avenue for a mixed-use development featuring ground-floor commercial space and live-work units.
 - Held a public hearing for a proposed zone change from R-2 to R-2S at 1201 16th St., forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.
- Marilyn Drive National Historic District
 - Staff coordinated with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office on the nomination of the Marilyn Drive neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - The proposed district recognizes the postwar residential architecture and neighborhood design that characterized Ogden's mid-century growth.
 - The nomination will now be submitted to the National Park Service for final approval.
- Plan Ogden Advisory Committee
 - The Advisory Committee met last week to review progress on draft chapters of the general plan update.
 - Discussions focused on community character, mobility, and sustainability policies.
 - Staff also shared details on upcoming community engagement opportunities.
- Upcoming "Plan Ogden" Celebration Event
 - Staff are preparing for the upcoming *Plan Ogden Celebration Event* on November 20 at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
 - The event will showcase key milestones from the general plan process and recognize contributions of community partners, advisory committee members, and residents.
 - Attendees will be able to explore exhibits on major plan themes—neighborhoods, mobility, economy, and environment—along with interactive displays and refreshments.