

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.